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# GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Congregational Churches in Maine,

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

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HELD WITH WILLISTON CHURCH, PORTLAND.

JUNE 14, 15 AND 16, 1881

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OF THE

**General Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine.**

*Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting, with Central Church, Bangor, June 20, 1882.*

P. O. Address.

WILLIAM E. GOULD, ESQ.....	<i>Moderator</i> .....	Portland.
Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK.....	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> .....	Gardiner.
Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON.....	<i>Assistant Cor. Sec'y</i> .....	Gorham.
Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN.....	<i>Rec. Sec. &amp; Ch. Com. Publication</i> .....	Bangor.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT.....	<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Bangor.
Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT.....	<i>Auditor</i> .....	Bangor.
Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY.....	<i>Committee Sabbath Schools</i> .....	Skowhegan.
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL.....	<i>Chairman Com. Nominations</i> .....	Madison.

**Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.**

*Seventy-fifth Anniversary, June 21, 1882.*

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D., .....	<i>President</i> .....	Bath.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, .....	<i>Vice-President</i> , .....	Bangor.
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WILLIAM S. DENNETT, .....	} <i>Auditors</i> .....	Bangor.
BENJAMIN B. THATCHER... ..		

**Officers of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.**

*Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting, June 20, 1882.*

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, .....	<i>President</i> .....	Belfast.
Rev. SEWELL TENNEY, D. D. ....	<i>Vice-President</i> , .....	Ellsworth.
Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS, .....	<i>Secretary</i> .....	Union.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, .....	<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Bangor.
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT.....	<i>Auditor</i> .....	Bangor.

**Officers Maine Branch American College and Education Society.**

*Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting, June 21, 1882.*

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., .....	<i>President</i> .....	Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D., .....	<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Bath.
Rev. FRANK E. CLARK, .....	<i>Secretary</i> .....	Portland.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN, .....	<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES, .....	<i>Auditor</i> .....	Brunswick.

**Women's Board of Missions.—Maine Branch.**

*Ninth Anniversary, June 22, 1882.*

**Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.**

*Second Anniversary, June 21, 1882.*

**Woman's Aid to American Missionary Association.**

*Second Anniversary, June 21, 1882.*

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## MINUTES OF 1881.

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The Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Williston Church, Portland, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 14, at 9 o'clock.

The MODERATOR, William E. Gould, Esq., of Portland, in the chair—who read the one hundred and twenty-second Psalm. United in singing Hymn 329. "Hymns and Songs of Praise."

"All hail the power of Jesus name." (*Coronation.*)

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball of Aroostook Conference, and Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace D. D. of New Hampshire, led in prayer.

A season of devotional exercises followed; participated in by Revs. P. B. Thayer, of Garland; Wm. S. Thompson, Acton; Addison Blanchard, St. John N. B.; Charles H. Pope, Thomaston; Charles Davison, Greenville; Alfred E. Ives, Castine; and others.

Sung, Hymn 245,—“When I survey the wondrous Cross.” (*Federal St.*)

393, “Lord, I have made thy word my choice” (*Batema.*)

1346. (1.) “Lord, when thou my righteous Judge shall come.” (*Merivale.*)

(2.) “Lord, I love to meet among them now.”

The credentials of Delegates and members were called for.

Eben W. Woodbury, of Bethel, Prentiss Loring, of Portland, and Rev. John P. Trowbridge of Standish, were appointed to receive them, and report.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference, were read.

### DELEGATES.

#### LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

##### AROOSTOOK.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Presque Isle. Rev. John B. Wheelwright, Ft. Fairfield.

##### CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Portland. Dea. John E. Warren, Cumberland Mills.

Rev. Luther Wiswall, Windham. Stephen Hinckley, Gorham.

Rev. John P. Trowbridge, Standish. Prentiss Loring, Portland.

## MINUTES OF THE

## CUMBERLAND NORTH.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, N. Gloucester.    Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn.  
 Rev. Preston B. Wing, Freeport.        Isaac A. Denison, Mechanic Falls.

## FRANKLIN.

Rev. Albert W. Moore, Farmington.    Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, Farmington.  
 Rev. Charles L. Rotch, New Sharon.    Dea. E. T. Vanghn, Farmington Falls.

## HANCOCK.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, Bluehill.        Alfred L. Skinner, Bucksport.  
 Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, Ellsworth.    Dea. Mark P. Hatch, Castine.

## KENNEBEC.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville.        Grenville T. Fletcher, Augusta.  
 Rev. Webster Woodbury, Gardiner.      Dea. Hanes L. Crosby, Benton Falls.

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. William R. Richards, Bath.        Rev. J. Evarts Pond, Warren.  
 Rev. Lewis D. Evans, Bristol.        Joseph B. Hopkins, Topsham.

## OXFORD.

Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, South Paris.    Hon. Eben W. Woodbury, Bethel.  
 Rev. Alexander Wiswall, Norway.        Dea. Timothy H. Chapman, Bethel.

## PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Henry A. Freeman, Oldtown.        Dea. George A. Thatcher, Bangor.  
 Rev. C. S. Sargent, Brewer Village.      William Mann, Bangor.

## PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Charles Davison, Greenville.        Rev. Charles L. Nichols, Brownville.  
 Dea. Gustavus B. Hescock, Monson.

## SOMERSET.

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D. Norridgewock.    Dr. Mortimer Bodwell, Solon.  
 Rev. Richard M. Peacock, Solon.

## UNION.

Rev. Lewis Goodrich, Lovell.            Dea. Lewis Libbey, Bridgton.  
 Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, Waterford.      Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy, Albany.

## WALDO.

Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, Searsport.        Rev. Merrill Blanchard, Winterport.

## WASHINGTON.

Rev. George E. Chapin, Princeton.        Dea. George A. Peabody, Eastport.  
 Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville.      Dea. Henry F. Eaton, Milltown.

## YORK.

Rev. Alpha Morton, Wells.                Samuel L. Boynton, Biddeford.  
 Rev. George H. Wilson, Biddeford.        Winburn Adams, Limerick.  
 Rev. Benjamin Dodge, Lebanon.          Dr. Thomas Haley, Biddeford.



**MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.**—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Edward E. Bacon, Saccarappa; Merrill Blanchard, Winterport; Frank E. Clark, Portland; Wellington R. Cross, Camden; George S. Dickerman, Lewiston; Charles A. Dickinson, Portland; William H. Fenn, Portland; John O. Fiske, D. D. Bath; David Garland, Bethel; Lewis Goodrich, Lovell; Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; Edward Y. Hincks, Portland; Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Edmond C. Ingalls, South Paris; George W. Kelley, Eastport; Woodbury S. Kimball, Presque Isle; Benjamin B. Merrill, Searsport; William A. Merrill, Lyman; Thomas G. Mitchell, Madison; Albert W. Moore, Farmington; William F. Obear, Winthrop; Levi L. Paine, D.D. Bangor; Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland; Charles H. Pope, Thomaston; Amos Redlon, Hallowell; Osgood W. Rogers, Bridgton; Charles J. H. Ropes, Ellsworth; John S. Sewall, D. D. Bangor; Ezra N. Smith, Waterville; Benjamin P. Snow, Alfred; Benjamin Tappan, D. D. Norridgewock; Anson P. Tinker, Auburn; Peter B. Thayer, Garland; James Torrey, D. D. Yarmouth; John P. Trowbridge, Standish; Israel P. Warren, D. D. Portland; John B. Wheelwright, Fort Fairfield; Charles Whittier, Dennyville; Richard Wickett, Pownal; George H. Wilson, Biddeford; Webster Woodbury, Gardiner; Messrs. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg; Elnathan F. Duren, Bangor; Cullen C. Chapman, Portland; John L. Crosby, Bangor; Grenville T. Fletcher, Augusta; William E. Gould, Portland; Stephen Hinkley, Gorham; Prentiss Loring, Portland; Alfred L. Skinner, Bucksport; George A. Thatcher, Bangor; John H. True, Portland; John E. Warren, Cumberland Mills; Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Eben W. Woodbury, Bethel; Rolliston Woodbury, Castine; Mrs. William H. Fenn, Portland.

**MINISTER OF THE PLACE.**—Rev. Frank E. Clark, Williston church, Portland.

**PREACHER.**—Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick.

**DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENTS.** Revs. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; Frank E. Clark, Portland; George S. Dickerman, Lewiston; Dea. William E. Gould, Portland; Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg, to the fourth annual session of the National Council, at St. Louis, Nov. 11, 1880.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright, Portland, to the Maine Methodist Conference, Portland, April, 27, 1881.

Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, Brewer Village, to the East Maine Methodist Conference, Belfast, May, 1, 1881.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, Hallowell, to the Yearly meeting of friends for New England, at Portland, June 14, 1881.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

**BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**—Revs. Professors Levi L. Paine, D. D., John S. Sewall, D. D., Louis F. Stearns, and Rev. Francis B. Denio.

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.**—President, Joshua L. Chamberlain, LL. D. Professor Henry L. Chapman, A. M.

**HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL, AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.**—Rev. Almon W. Burr, A. M. Principal; Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary; Rev. Amos Redlon, Financial Agent.

## BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Charles W. Park, of the Mahratta Mission, Bombay, India.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

George Allchin, Boston.—*Under appointment by Am. Bd. of C. F. M., to Japan.*

Rev. Albert E. Dunning, Boston.—*S. S. Secretary, Congregational Publishing Society.*

Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland.—*Seaman's Friend Society.*

## DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. D. W. L'acheur, of Portland, Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eli Jones, of China, Maine, and Harriet D. Collins, of Hopkington, Rhode Island. Yearly meeting of Friends for New England.

## VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. T. S. Perry of North Cumberland Conference, and Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, were appointed to take the place of two, whose term of office expires.

## REPORT OF DELEGATES.

Rev. Clarence S. Sargent of Brewer Village, reported his attendance at the meeting of the East Maine Methodist Conference at Belfast.

Rev. Frank E. Clark of Portland, and the Moderator, reported their attendance at the fourth annual meeting of the National Council, in St. Louis, Nov. 1880.

Rev. Henry F. Harding of Hallowell, reported at a subsequent session, his cordial and enthusiastic reception by the Yearly meeting of Friends for New England.

Rev. Wm. H. Fenn of Portland, Delegate to the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reported by letter subsequently, that he was in New York, at the time of their meeting in Portland, and notified the substitute, Rev. John F. Morgan of Portland. Mr. Morgan reported that he presented his credentials, and was present three days, but had no opportunity to address the Conference. He was not able to attend again, and on the last day, Rev. Abiel H. Wright of Portland being present, gave the salutations of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches.

Rev. Charles A. White of Hallowell, delegate to the Maine Baptist Convention, learns that their session for this year is to be held at Skowhegan, next October. Rev. A. P. Tinker of Auburn, reports that he was out of the country, and could not fulfill his appointment as Delegate to the Free Baptist Yearly meeting. Rev. S. P. Fay was present at the meeting of the Free Baptist Yearly meeting, at Bangor, in August 1880, and presented the salutations of this Conference.

Rev. Jehiel S. Richards of Waterford, reports that he was present at the F. W. B. Yearly meeting in Dexter, tendered the greetings of the General Conference, and received a hearty welcome from them.

#### CO-OPERATION IN MISSION WORK IN MAINE.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, and Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, of the committee appointed at the last Conference, (Minutes. 1879, p. 23, and Minutes 1880, p. 9,) to seek the co-operation of the Missionary societies of other denominations in reference to fields of labor. Reported in part, and would at another session report more fully.

Rev. Francis Southworth, in behalf of the Committee, subsequently reported, that some progress had been made in reference to the subject, and that another meeting of the Committees of the different denominations was to be held, for further consultation.

On motion of Rev. Henry F. Harding of Hallowell, the subject was re-committed to the same committee,—Revs. Francis Southworth, Jonathan E. Adams and Benjamin Tappan D. D.

#### DIVORCE.

The Moderator in behalf of the Officers of this Conference, who were appointed (Minutes 1880, p. 20,) to consider this subject, reported their action; and that the memorial to the Legislature, which they had prepared and signed, was presented, but that no change in the laws, or any action by that body asked for by various petitioners, was sustained. The matter was indefinitely postponed by them.

Rev. George S. Dickerman of Lewiston, who with others had appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, appealing for more stringent laws in reference to divorce, at a subsequent session, spoke with great force on the indifference which was manifested in reference to this subject. So far as he knew, not a single protest had been made to petitioners for divorce, on the ground that it was contrary to the divine law. No one man should have the power to grant a divorce for the multitude of causes which are now-a-days alleged,—ignoring the divine law, which has supremacy above every other law.—“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

On motion of Rev. F. Southworth, Portland, a committee of three were appointed to consider farther this subject, and do what may be wisely attempted, to modify the existing Statutes, and report at the next Conference.

Revs. George S. Dickerman of Lewiston, Levi L. Paine, D. D. of Bangor and William H. Fenn of Portland.

#### CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

A communication was read from this body, inviting this Conference to appoint Delegates to attend the Autumnal meetings of the Union at Manchester, England, the first week in October 1881. The Union propose to signalize the fiftieth year of its existence by a special Jubilee Celebration, extending from May 1881, to May 1882.

The letter was received with fraternal manifestations, and referred to a Committee.—Revs. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor; Charles J. H. Rollins of Ellsworth; Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; George H. Wilson, of Portland; and Mr. Stephen Hinckley, of Gorham.

Rev. Dr. Sewall, in behalf of the Committee, reported at a subsequent session the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That, in response to the fraternal invitation addressed by the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to the General Conference of May 1881, desiring the Conference to appoint delegates to attend their jubilee meetings in October, the committee recommend that the Conference cordially accept the invitation, and will appoint a delegate to represent this body on that occasion, and bear to our brethren in England our Christian salutations and good wishes.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Rev. Lavallatte Perrin, D. D. Treasurer of the National Council. Memorial Hall, Hartford, Conn., in reference to the amount apportioned to Maine, to meet the expenses of the Council for the present year.

The communication was referred to a Special Committee of one delegate from each County Conference.

*Aroostook*.—Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Presque Isle.

*Cumberland*.—Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Portland.

*Cumberland North*.—Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D. Yarmouth.

*Franklin*.—Rev. Albert W. Moore, Farmington.

*Hancock*.—Alfred L. Skinner, Bucksport.

*Kennebec*.—Grenville T. Fletcher, Augusta.

*Lincoln and Sagadahoc*.—Rev. John O. Fiske D. D. Bath.

*Oxford*.—Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, South Paris.

*Penobscot*.—Dea. George A. Thatcher, Bangor.

*Piscataquis*.—Rev. Peter B. Thayer, Garland.

*Somerset*.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D. Norridgewock.

*Union*.—Rev. Louis Goodrich, Lovell.

*Waldo*.—Rev. Merrill Blanchard, Winterport.

*Washington*.—Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville.

*York*.—Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Alfred.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

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Rev. Benjamin P. Snow of Alfred, on Thursday, in behalf of the Committee, presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved.* That the Secretary use his best discretion to provide as promptly as possible for the payment of our proportion of the amount due the National Council for the Year Book &c., and that he notify at once the Scribes of the several County Conferences, of the sum due from each Conference for this purpose.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor was read.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.....	\$99 86
Collection at annual meeting in Foxcroft.....	27 54
From Rev. D. D. Tappan, for N. Council.....	1 00
(1) From County Conferences for 1879.....	29 07
(2) From County Conferences for 1880.....	426 45
	<hr/> \$583 92

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid National Council.....	\$152 50
O. F. Knowles & Co. Bangor, for Minutes, etc. 1880.....	263 76
Postage, Freight and Expenses, Pub. Com. 1880.....	94 13
Balance on hand to new account.....	74 53
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(1) Oxford, 811 44 Washington, 6 61 York, 84 71	
Waldo, 6 31	Total.....\$29 07
(2) Aroostook, 6 00 Kennebec, 30 00 Somerset, 815 00	
Cumberland, 72 00 Lincoln and Sag., 45 00 Union, 23 00	
Cumberland North, 60 00 Oxford, 21 06 Waldo, 20 39	
Franklin, 18 00 Penobscot, 50 00 Washington, 23 00	
Hancock, 25 00 Piscataquis, 18 00	
	<hr/> Total.....\$426 45

The Report, with that of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett of Bangor, was accepted.

### MEETING-HOUSE IN BURLINGTON.

Rev. F. E. Clark, Portland, said he had received a letter from a Deacon of the church in Burlington, asking sympathy and prayer, and aid. They had with much difficulty, provided in part, for the re-building of a church edifice in place of the one destroyed by fire, some five years since. The ladies had taken a prominent share in the work of securing funds; they needed help to finish it.

Revs. J. E. Adams, A. Loring, W. S. Kimball, and J. B. Wheelwright, commended the appeal to the consideration of the churches.

## ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF SERVICE.

On motion of the Rev. C. J. H. Ropes of Ellsworth.—

*Voted.*—That the printed programme of the Committee of Arrangements, be adopted as the order of service for the several sessions of the General Conference, the present year.

## GREETINGS TO THE FRIENDS.

On motion of the Rev. F. E. Clark of Portland, the following communication, to the "Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England," was adopted, and Rev. Henry F. Harding, was appointed to present the same.

The General Conference of the Congregational churches in Maine, assembled in Williston church, Portland, Maine, send cordial and fraternal greetings to the Yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, also assembled in Portland.

We congratulate ourselves, brethren and sisters, that though worshipping God in a different manner, we belong to the same great brotherhood as yourselves.

We rejoice in all the prosperity vouchsafed to you, and we pray for the blessing of Almighty God, upon your present assembly, and upon all your efforts for the promotion of the common cause, dear to us all, of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The message signed by the Moderator, and Recording Secretary, was presented by Rev. H. F. Harding, who reported that it was cordially received, and that a Delegation from that body would be present on Thursday morning.

A recess of ten minutes was taken, which was improved by social greetings one with another.

Some one volunteered to commence Hymn 1389,—

"The Beautiful River,"—"Shall we gather," etc.—

in which the congregation heartily joined, and the Conference resumed its session.

## CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Rev. Albert E. Dunning of Boston, Sabbath School Secretary of the Society, referred to the duty to which he was called, in organizing Sabbath School work in our denomination, to the object of the society in furnishing publications suited to the times, and also good reading for families and Sabbath Schools; and to supplement the American Home Missionary Society in its labors in the West.

A Committee was appointed to consult and co-operate with the Society and the Secretary, especially in the National Sabbath School work, in the Missionary Churches.

Revs. Webster Woodbury, Gardiner, and Charles H. Pope, Thomaston; Professor Rolliston Woodbury, Castine; Messrs John L. Crosby, Bangor, and Prentiss Loring, Portland,—Committee.

## CONFERENCE SERMON.

Organ Voluntary by Mr. Harvey Murray.

Anthem by the Choir.—Miss Clara H. Merrill, *Soprano*; Mrs. C. H. Pratt, *Contralto*; Mr. John Morgan, *Tenor and Director*; Mr. Franklin C. Payson, *Basso*.

“Blessed be thou O God.”—by *Falkenstien*.

Reading the Scriptures, and Prayer, by the Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Kennebec Conference. He read from the revised version, a portion of Mark, ninth chapter, and Ephesians, fourth chapter.

The Choir and Congregation united in singing, Hymn 330,

“Come let us join our cheerful songs.” (*Coronation.*)

Sermon by Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick. Text Eph. 4:3. “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace.” Mark 9:40 “For he that is not against us, is on our part.”

Theme.—The unity of the Church, and Congregationalism as especially conducive to this unity.

(This discourse is published by vote of Conference, with the Minutes.)

Prayer by the preacher.

United in singing Hymn 917,—

“Sing we the song of those who stand  
Around the eternal throne.” (*Christmas.*)

Benediction, by Rev. W. Woodbury.

Two o'clock P. M.

The Moderator read Ps. 119 from v. 33-48.

Sung Hymn 536,

“Come thou fount of every blessing.” (*Nettleton.*)

United in prayer with Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Union Conference, and Rev. Ezra N. Smith of Kennebec Conference.

Sung Hymn 119.

“When Israel of the Lord beloved.” (*Ward.*)

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the State of the churches, for the year past.

The report was accepted, to be published in the Minutes.

By invitation of the Moderator, Rev. S. P. Fay of Dorchester, Mass., a former pastor in Maine,—led in prayer.

**SHALL WE SEEK LARGELY BY REVIVALS. THE UP-BUILDING  
AND INCREASE OF OUR CHURCHES?**

This topic was opened by Rev. Albert W. Moore of Farmington. He referred to the different senses in which the word revivals is used; contending that it applies to any advance in the church of God. The report of the Secretary, showed few additions to the churches. But this is not the only criterion of progress. Three points were presented.—1, We as a church are not using all our power.—2, We are not reaching all the people we might.—3, We do not get all we can reach.

United in singing Hymn 128,

“Soldiers of Christ, arise.”

(*Laban.*)

The discussion was continued by Rev. Charles H. Pope of Thomaston. He thought that often a resort to the ordinary revival agencies, was an indication or confession of failure of established methods.

Rev. Charles H. Gates of Kennebunk-port, maintained that we should use any and all means, that has received the blessing of God in the past. Have not three-fourths of the members of the churches, been received as the fruit of revivals?

Sung Hymn 643,

“Stand up for Jesus.”

(*Webb.*)

**THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO CHILDREN. AND OF  
CHILDREN TO THE CHURCH.**

This subject was opened by Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath. The subject divided itself into two points. 1. The relation of the church to those, not their own children. 2. Their relation to their own children. More can be done for children, than for all others. Children have great possibilities, and it is better to save one, than let them grow up in sin, and then reform ten. On the second point, the churches had fallen from the example of the fathers. There is a lamentable deficiency in christian culture. The rule should be to expect the children of pious parents to grow up christians. Baptized children should understand that they are to be regarded as christians, and to show the fruits of piety. Better have one Timothy, than ten converted thieves.

Rev. Webster Woodbury of Gardiner, Secretary for Sabbath Schools in this Conference, presented the claims of the children upon us, and



the important place which the Sabbath School held, in imparting to them the truths of the Bible ; in training them for usefulness, and for service in the kingdom of Christ.

Rev. Anson P. Tinker of Auburn, among other points, spoke of the value of forming the habit in early childhood, to attend stately upon public worship, and of the importance of having the services adapted to the young.

United in singing Hymn 862,

“How large the promise, how divine,  
To Abraham and his seed.”

(*Balerna.*)

Rev. Albert E. Dunning of Boston, enforced with fitting illustrations, the seeking the salvation of children in early life.

Rev. F. E. Clark of Portland, stated that at the last communion in Williston Church. eighteen were received to membership, very few of whom were over sixteen years of age.

After the calling of the roll, and notices by the Committee of arrangements.—Adjourned.

#### MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

*Incorporated February 25, 1829.*

#### FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening—7½ o'clock.

Rev. Wooster Parker of Belfast, President, in the chair.

Organ Voluntary, by Mr. Harvey Murray.

United in singing Hymn. 990.

“Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell”

(*Ward.*)

The President led in prayer, and made remarks in reference to the objects and need of this Society.

The Treasurer Rev. J. E. Adams of Bangor, presented his report, which was accepted.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1880.....	\$231 21
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Foxcroft.....	56 27
(1) From fourteen Churches.....	214 74
(2) From eight individuals.....	46 00
Interest and coupons.....	78 00
Certificate of Sale, Bangor Savings Bank.....	69 09
	—————\$695 31

## MINUTES OF THE

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid to fifteen families.....	\$295 00		
Expenses, Discount and Taxes.....	33 79		
Balance in Treasury to new account.....	366 52		
			<hr/> \$695 31
(1) Andover, 5 00 Farmington, 20 00	Portland Second Ch. 10 00		
Bangor, First Ch. 9 21 Kennebunk, 5 00	Portland State St. Ch. 50 00		
Bangor, Ham'd St., 15 00 Lewiston, 30 00	Searsport First Ch. 12 00		
Brownville, 19 03 Limington, 6 00			
Calais, 13 50 Portland, High, 20 00			
	Total.....	\$214 74	
(2) Bangor, 1 00 Lyndon Vt. 5 00	Weld, 5 00		
Bradford, Mass., 10 00 Norridgewock, 5 00	Wells, 5 00		
Calais, 10 00 Portland, 5 00			
	Total.....	\$46 00	

The Treasurer read brief extracts from letters of donors and receivers, indicating the esteem in which the Society is held, and the gratitude of those who are aided. The permanent fund is \$1600.

The report of the Secretary, Rev. Flavius V. Norcross of Union, may be found in the latter part of the Minutes.

Annual collection, \$115 29.

The following officers were re-elected,

## OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER,.....	President,.....	Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D.,.....	Vice-President,.....	Ellsworth.
Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS,.....	Secretary,.....	Union.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS,.....	Treasurer,.....	Bangor.
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT,.....	Auditor,.....	Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*, Rev. Messrs. E. Pond, S. Tenney, S. Thurston, J. K. Mason, E. H. Byington, and S. P. Fay, *Trustees*.

Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read the 20th Psalm.

The Choir sung an anthem by G. W. Marston.

"Jesus, lover of my soul."

## THE LAYMAN'S SIDE OF THINGS.

This topic was to have been introduced by Ex-Gov. Nelson Dingley, of Lewiston, but sickness in his family prevented his attendance.

Mr. John L. Crosby of Bangor, in offering remarks upon this subject was not disposed to censure the ministry and their works, deprecating undue criticism, and hasty judgment. He dwelt more especially upon those points where they deserved commendation. He referred to the

Bangor Theological Seminary, and its Professors, as a most valuable agency in advancing the kingdom of Christ, and to those Pastors and Ministers who had accomplished so much for the moral and religious interests of the State.

The large congregation united in singing Hymn 2.

“Come thou Almighty King.” (*Italian Hymn.*)

### THE MINISTER'S SIDE OF THINGS.

Rev. Alexander McKenzie D. D. of Cambridge Mass. was introduced, and cordially received, as one of the former beloved pastors of Maine.

He referred to the pleasure he felt in meeting again the ministers and churches of the State, and proceeded to speak upon the way things looked to the minister. In his experience during the twenty years of his ministry, he was led to think the churches did not expect too much from their ministers; he would have them expect a great deal more. He had an unbounded admiration for the laymen, and especially the deacons, for their labor of love. He would have the churches believe in their minister: trust him, pray for him, sustain him, and help him, in his multifarious duties; to advise him too, as they would their first-born.

He urged the importance of each individual Christian, giving their time, money, and influence, to advance the kingdom of Christ—their personal attendance and help always, unless sick, or necessary absence, on public worship, and at the prayer meeting. To let their light shine. They were Congregationalists only in name, if they did not. Congregationalism demands the full service of each and all of its members. He who would make the most of himself, can find a place in the work to which Christ devoted himself.

United in singing Hymn, 1115, led by the organ and choir.

“Jesus shall reign.” (*Duke St.*)

Benediction by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

Adjourned.

### Second day.—Wednesday, June 15.

6 A. M. Prayer-meeting led by Rev. David Garland, of Bethel. Scripture verses, Acts 2:1, 2. Prayers led by Mr. G., Revs. J. S. Richards, C. L. Nichols, J. T. Hawes, P. B. Thayer, R. B. Howard, H. F. Harding, H. Ilsley, F. E. Shaw, F. V. Norcross, and others. Remarks

by Mr. G., Revs. C. H. Pope, H. Ilsley, H. F. Harding, F. E. Shaw, R. B. Howard, Bro. Rice, and others. United in singing

"No track is on the sunny sky;" "Lord in the morning;" "Jesus I love thee, evermore;" "Come let us sing the song of songs;"—and a verse or two of other Hymns.

It was a heavenly place in Christ; a sweet communion of saints.

8:30. Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, who read the scriptures, with remarks and prayer. Revs. A. P. Tinker, F. E. Shaw, E. A. Harlow, and others, took part in this appropriate service. Sung—

"He leadeth me;" "My faith looks up to thee;" "Majestic sweetness,"—etc.

## Maine Missionary Society.

*Organized in 1807.*

### SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock A. M. Rev. John O. Fiske D. D. of Bath, President, in the chair. United in singing Hymn 1133,—

"Awake, awake, O Zion." (*Webb.*)

The President read the 52d chapter of Isaiah, and led in prayer. The reports of the Treasurer, and the Secretary were read.

Hymn, 1117, with organ accompaniment,—

"Jesus, we bow before thy throne." (*Duke St.*)

After remarks by Professor John S. Sewall, the Choir sang an anthem,—

"Let thine hand help me."—*by Warren.*

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, the remarks following, and the business transacted, may be found in another part of this pamphlet.

A resolution of reverent and kindly affection, was passed, in remembrance of Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D. the former Secretary, and prayer offered in his behalf. Sung Hymn 1123,—

"Now be the Gospel banner." (*Missionary Hymn.*)

Annual contribution, \$108.76

Benediction by the President.

2 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read part of the second chapter, Ephesians.  
United in singing Hymn 1270, v. 1, 2.—

“How swift the torrent rolls.” (Boylston.)

Prayer, Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace D. D. of Manchester N. H.

#### TEN MINUTE REMINISCENCES OF WORK AND WORKMEN IN MAINE.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, referred to Dr. Payson, whom he met for the first time at Lewiston Falls, then a wilderness, in 1826, to form a Congregational Church, and who preached the sermon on that occasion. Also, to Revs. Elijah Kellogg, Dr. Gillett, the weeping preacher; Fathers Sewall and Sawyer, the pioneers; Asa Mead, John W. Ellingwood, Seth Sweetser, William T. Dwight, J. W. Peet, David Thurston, Dr. Tappan, G. E. Adams, and others.

Rev. Wooster Parker of Belfast, paid a fitting tribute to the honored men of the past, and to their work; and referred to the blessedness of their reward; congratulating those who were near the close of their earthly service, upon the rest, and peace, and joy, upon which they would soon enter.

Rev. Sewall Tenney D. D., of Ellsworth, indulged in refreshing remembrances of the past.—spoke of the superiority and transcendent power of the Gospel of Christ, over every other system of religion, ethics or philosophy,—and gave words of admonition and encouragement to the younger brethren in the ministry.

Sung Hymn 1270, v. 3, 4,—

“Our fathers, where are they.” (Boylston.)

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This department of christian work in the field, which is the world, was forcibly presented, by Rev. Charles W. Park, of Bombay, connected with the Mahratta Mission; Rev. William R. Stocking, of the Persian mission; Mr. George Allchin, under appointment by Am. Bd. C. F. M. to the Japan mission; Yusif Arbeeley, a Greek, from Beirut, who gave his salutations to the Conference, in behalf of his Syrian brethren; and by Rev. John O. Fiske D. D. of Bath.

It was expected that during the hour devoted to this topic, Miss Agnes Loni would have been present, and that a portion of the time would have been devoted to remarks, in reference to her departure as a missionary, in Turkey, to be connected with the Constantinople Home; but the sick-

ness of her mother in another State, prevented. Rev. Frank E. Clark, pastor of Williston church, with which Miss Lord is connected, referred to what she was to them and to the cause here,—one of the warmest hearts, and brightest minds, in the State, whom they sorrowfully yet joyfully sent on her new mission. He trusted all would feel a new and deeper interest in the work, from making such an investment.

Sung a verse of the Missionary Hymn,—

“Waft, waft, ye winds, His story.”

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The usual invitation was extended to unite with us in the service. The ordinance was administered by Rev. John W. Chickering D. D. former pastor of High St. church, Portland, and Rev. Dwight M. Seward D. D., pastor-elect of Plymouth church, Portland. Remarks and prayer by each.

Deacons—Mason H. Metcalf of Kennebec Conference; Timothy H. Chapman, of Oxford Conference; George A. Thatcher, of Penobscot Conference; George A. Peabody of Washington Conference; Gustavus B. Hescocck, of Piscataquis Conference; Joseph F. Libbey, of Cumberland Conference, distributed the elements. United in singing Hymn 245,—

“When I survey the wondrous cross.” (Hamburg.)

Contribution, \$31.10.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Chickering.

#### MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

*Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.*

#### SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

7:30 P. M. Organ voluntary by Mr. Harvey Murray.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-President, in the chair.

The report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read and accepted.

Prof. C. advocated the claims of this Society, upon the consideration and benevolence of the churches. He feared that they had lost sight of its importance, in educating young men for the ministry.

#### RECEIPTS.

Collection at annual meeting at Foxcroft,.....	\$16.40
(1) Contributions from ten churches,.....	351.28
(2) Four individuals,.....	25.00
Bank dividends,.....	40.00
Parent Society,.....	120.00

\$552.68

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society by Treasurer.....	\$430.00
Beneficiaries at Bowdoin College.....	120.00
On hand.....	2.68
	<hr/> \$352.68

(1) Augusta, 21.48	Bangor. Central Ch., 75.10	Portland, 2d Ch., 35.00
Bangor. 1st Ch., 9.14	Bath, Winter st. Ch., 34.45	Portland, State st.
Bangor. Ham'd	Brunswick, 31.97	Church, 100.00
street Church, 27.39	Portland, High st. Ch., 11.75	Winthrop, 5.00

Total.....\$351.28

(2) Brunswick, \$5. Castine, 10. Winthrop, \$10. = \$25.

In addition to the above, the Treasurer of the Parent Society, acknowledges in the Report for 1881, p. 60, the following sums from churches as received by him :

Auburn, \$25.00	Gorham, \$20.22	Wilton, \$2.74
Farmington, 7.85	Thomaston, 5.00	
		<hr/> Total,.....\$60.81

Total amount for the year from all sources. \$953.43.

Twenty-four in Bangor Theological Seminary have received aid the past year from this Society ; and three in Bowdoin College.

Examining Committee on applications in the College :—Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, Prof. Charles H. Smith, Prof. Henry L. Chapman.

In the Seminary,—Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D. Rev. D. S. Talcott. D. D. Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.

The report of the Secretary, Rev. F. E. Clark of Portland, may be found in the appendix.

The following officers were re-elected :

#### OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, DD.....	President.....	Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.....	Vice-President.....	Bath.
Rev. FRANK E. CLARK.....	Secretary.....	Portland.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN.....	Treasurer.....	Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES.....	Auditor.....	Brunswick.

DIRECTORS :—President and Secretary, *ex-officio* ; Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick ; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Annual collection, \$53.41. Adjourned.

8:15 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

#### PRAISE SERVICE.

This was led by the Moderator, and was heartily entered into by the forty-six Welsh singers, from the Ligonía church, Cape Elizabeth; the Choir of the Williston church, and the vast congregation. In some of the selections, all united, accompanied by the organ, making a grand volume of melodious, soul-stirring, and soul-elevating music.

The following was the order of service.

Anthem by the Choir,—

“O sing unto the Lord.”—*by Concord.*

Hymn Tune, 1029, Hursley L. M.—

“Sun of my soul, my Saviour dear.”

Selection by the Welsh singers,—Welsh Tunes—

“Penllyn, 8, 7, and 3, in G Minor; and “St. Peters,” 8, 7, 4, in G Minor.

Hymn Tune, 1416.—

“Nicaea,” 11, 12, 12, 10. “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.”

Welsh Tunes,—

“Moriah,” 8, and 7, G Major, and “Lausanne,” 8, and 7, four lines. A flat Major, by the Welsh singers.

Hymn Tune, 334—

Lyons 10, 11. “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim.”

Welsh Tune,—

“Bangor,” Minor,—by the Welsh singers.

Hymn Tune, 1242,—

Stockwell 8, and 7, “Tarry with me O my Saviour.”

Chant in English by the Welsh singers

“God be merciful to us, and bless us.”

Hymn Tune, 709, Portuguese Hymn,—“How firm a foundation.”

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain LL. D., President of Bowdoin College, spoke of the relation of the church to Education, and the care it had ever taken to promote it. Reference was made to the great movement, among the nations, especially in France, Holland and England, to give instruction to the young in morality and religion, founded upon the teachings of the Bible, as well as in other branches of knowledge. He would have among us, and throughout this country, more effort in this direction;



not an enforced study of christian dogmas, but the study of the spirit of christianity.

He welcomed the Committees of Conference, and all the members of Conference to Bowdoin College, and desired its close identification with the churches. He recommended to the Conference, the appointment by them of a standing Committee on Education.

United in singing the Doxology.—

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

Benediction by Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Massachusetts.

### Third Day.—Thursday, June 16.

6 o'clock A. M. Prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Union Conference, who read part of the seventh chapter of John.

Prayers led by Mr. R., Revs. F. E. Shaw, C. W. Wallace, of New Hampshire, H. S. Loring, T. M. Davies, S. L. Bowler, W. R. Cross, Brothers Rice, Morey, and others.

Remarks by the leader, Revs. S. L. Bowler, Dr. Wallace, S. Bowker, of Massachusetts, F. E. Clark, J. T. Hawes, C. H. Gates, D. Garland and Bros. Rice, Metcalf, Holt, and others.

United in singing.—“All hail the power of Jesus' name.” “I love thy kingdom, Lord;” “God is the refuge of his saints,” and a verse or two of other “Songs of Praise.”

The early morning prayer-meetings, are among the choicest gatherings of Conference: this was no exception.

8:30 A. M. Devotional exercises, led by the Rev, R. B. Howard, of Rockport, Mass.

United in singing Hymn 496,—

“Just as I am.”

(Woodworth.)

Scripture reading, 1st Corinthians, second chapter.

Prayers and remarks by the leader, Revs. J. T. Hawes, J. S. Cogswell, Dr. Wallace, A. E. Ives and others.

Sung,—

“Come Holy Spirit;” “While with ceaseless course;” “I need thee precious Jesus.”—And other verses of Hymns.

Spiritual discernment; thirsting for righteousness; the need of Christ; the need of the Holy Spirit, were the chief topics dwelt upon.

9 A. M. The Moderator read the 111th Psalm.

Rev. Benjamin Dodge, of York Conference, led in prayer.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Amos Redlon, of Kennebec Conference, Chairman of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted. as follows :

#### COMMITTEES.

##### *Publication of Minutes.*

Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN, of Bangor. Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK, of Gardiner.

Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, of Bangor. Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, Gorham.

##### *Sabbath Schools.*

Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY, of Skowhegan

#### TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. WOODBURY S. KIMBALL,....	Presque Isle,.....	Aroostook.
Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,....	Gorham, .....	Cumberland.
Rev. JOSEPH TORREY D. D.,.....	Yarmouth, .....	Cumberland North.
Rev. ARTHUR G. FITZ,.....	Wilton, .....	Franklin.
Rev. LEWIS J. THOMAS,.....	Castine,.....	Hancock.
Rev. HENRY V. EMMONS,.....	Hallowell, .....	Kennebec.
Rev. JOHN J. BLAIR,.....	Rockland, .....	Lincoln and Sagadahoc.
Rev. FREDERICK E. EMRICH, .....	Oxford,.....	Oxford.
Dea. GEORGE A. SNOW,.....	Brewer,.....	Penobscot.
Rev. JAMES B. HAWES,.....	Monson,.....	Piscataquis.
Hon. JAMES BELL,.....	Skowhegan,.....	Somerset.
Rev. JAVAN K. MASON, D. D.,....	Fryeburgh,.....	Union.
Rev. MERRILL BLANCHARD, ....	Winterport,.....	Waldo.
Rev. DANIEL GREENE,.....	Machias,.....	Washington.
Rev. BENJAMIN P. SNOW,.....	Alfred,.....	York.

#### BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

CONFERENCE APPOINTED AS VISITORS,—Revs. William H. Fenn, Portland ; George S. Dickerman, Lewiston ; Levi L. Paine, D. D., Bangor ; President Merritt C. Fernald, Orono ; Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Alfred.

#### HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn ; Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, Portland ; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.**

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**DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.**

*Delegates to attend in person or send a written communication.—RULE 13.*

**CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**

Manchester, England, Oct. 1881.

Rev. JOHN S. SEWALL, D. D. of Bangor,—or a substitute.

**MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

May, 1882, in Augusta.

**PRIMARY.**

**SUBSTITUTE.**

Rev. WILLIAM P. FISHER, Brunswick. Rev. JOSEPH TORREY, D. D., Yarmouth.

**EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.**

May, 1882, in Waldoboro.

Rev. JOHN A. ROSS, Belfast.

Rev. CHARLES D. CRANE, Hampden.

**MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.**

Oct. 1881, in Skowhegan.

Rev. CHARLES A. WHITE, Hallowell.

Rev. EZRA N. SMITH, Waterville.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.**

Sep. 27, 1881, in Rockland.

Rev. PETER B. THAYER, Garland.

Rev. ANSON P. TINKER, Auburn.

By vote of Conference, [Minutes, 1872, p. 9.] the sending of Delegates to State Conference, is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (20) 1882. at nine o'clock A. M., with the Central Church, Bangor.

*Preacher.*

**PRIMARY.**

**SUBSTITUTE.**

Rev. GEORGE S. DICKERMAN, Lewiston. Rev. LEWIS F. STEARNS, D. D., Bangor.

*Committee of Arrangements.*

Rev. George W. Field, Rev. Levi Paine, D. D., Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright.

## MINUTES OF THE TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Charles A. Dickinson of Portland, read a communication from Mrs. H. F. Crocker, Chairman of a Committee on Sacramental Wine, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maine, acknowledging the approval of this Conference last year of their letter, and their recommendation of unfermented wine : and respectfully requesting that during the present session of this Conference, some resolutions may be passed expressing its disapproval of the use of fermented wine at the Lord's table.

The following Minute, on motion of Rev. C. A. Dickinson, was adopted :

We, the members of the Congregational Conference of the State of Maine, believing that the use of alcoholic wine at the communion table is detrimental to the best interests of Temperance, hereby express our condemnation of the same ; and recommend that the churches use at the Lord's table, the unfermented juice of the grape.

On motion of Rev. John F. Morgan of Portland, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the plan of Temperance instruction in our Sunday schools, as proposed by the Women's Christian Union, has our hearty approval, and in order to give permanency and uniformity to such teaching, we desire that the International Sunday school lesson committee provide for a quarterly lesson in the regular course.

### THE NEXT MODERATOR.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright of Bangor, moved that a committee be appointed to nominate a Moderator for the next meeting of the General Conference.

Dea. Wheelwright, Dea. John E. Warren of Cumberland Mills, and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, were chosen.

They subsequently reported the name of Rev. F. E. Clark of Portland.

There being some doubt about the propriety of choosing a Moderator, for the next term of three years, at this session of Conference, the election was postponed, to the next annual session.

### SABBATH RAILROAD TRAINS.

On motion of Dea. Mason M. Metcalf of Monmouth, amended subsequently, on motion of Dea. George A. Thatcher of Bangor, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*.—That this Conference not only disapproves, but severely condemns the use of Railroads of this State for excursion parties, newspaper trains, or any other ordinary trains on the Sabbath.

## AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, one of the editors of "The Advance," who was present at the National Anniversary of this Society, in Chicago, Ill. June 7-9, gave a report of this meeting.

## DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. D. W. Le Lacheur, of Portland, Delegate from the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, presented the Christian Salutations of that body.

A letter was read from Rev. Cyrus Stone D. D. of Rockland. Delegate from the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church conveying the fraternal greetings of that Conference.

Eli Jones, of China, Me., and Harriet D. Collins of Hopkington R. I., Delegates from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, responded to the greetings of this Conference, which they had with great pleasure received on the previous day, and returned their christian sympathy and regards.

The Moderator in behalf of the Conference cordially greeted these representatives of other denominations, and called upon Professor John S. Sewall, further to welcome the Delegates from the Friends; which he did in a felicitous manner. (Reported Ch. Mir. June 25.)

United in singing, Hymn 925—

"Blest be the tie that binds."

(Boylston.)

## MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Israel T. Dana M. D. of Portland, presented the history, objects and claims of this institution; asking the attention and co-operation of the members of this Conference in its behalf.

On motion of Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Portland a committee of three were appointed to take this appeal into consideration,—Revs. C. A. Dickinson, John B. Wheelwright and Thomas G. Mitchell.

The Chairman subsequently reported the following resolution, which was adopted. Mr. D. prefacing it with remarks touching the benevolent and humane character of the Hospital, and stating that the Superintendent was the only salaried officer.

*Resolved*, That this Conference appreciate as a highly beneficent and eminent-ly Christian charity, the Maine General Hospital, and recommends it to the sympathy and liberality of the Churches of the State. And they especially suggest to all the churches, that they contribute to its support either through the plan of systematic giving, or taking up a collection on Hospital Sunday—the fourth Sabbath of June Annually.

## IN MEMORIAM.

The Necrology, by the Recording Secretary, was read.

Three hundred and ninety members of our churches are reported as having closed their labors on earth, during the year, including ten of the ministry—one of them, Rev. Albert Cole, supplying the church in Cornish—the others former pastors or ministers.

Brief mention was made of the ministry. The record of whom, and of the laity, may be found on subsequent pages.

United in rising, and singing Hymn 1298—

“Why should our tears in sorrow flow”—

(Downs.)

“Their toils are past, their work is done,  
And they are fully blest;  
They’ve fought the fight, the victory won,  
And entered into rest.”

## HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

The condition and claims of the Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy was presented by the Principal, Rev. Almon W. Burr. He said, we have not only endeavored to instruct the mind, but to illuminate the heart. We have been blessed the past year. All of the graduating class of twelve, but one, have begun a new life. Some eighteen to twenty in the school have devoted themselves to Christ.

Rev. Henry F. Harding Secretary, said that the school has been a great success. Our standard is high; those who do not come up to it are dropped out. Some of our best families are intending to send their children to us. Our financial condition is encouraging, but still we need your constant and liberal aid.

Rev. Amos Redlon, the financial Agent, added a few words of earnest appeal.

The following were chosen a committee to visit the Institution,—Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn; Mrs. William H. Fenn, Portland; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville.

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D. of Portland in behalf of the Visiting Committee, presented a Report, which will be found in the appendix. Report accepted.

## BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. William F. Obear, of Winthrop, in behalf of the Visiting Committee, made a report in reference to this Institution, which was accepted—to be printed with the Minutes.

## THE NEW REVISION.

Essays were read by Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Bangor, and by Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, of Ellsworth, on the new revision of the New Testament.

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D. of Bath :

*Voted*, That the thanks of Conference be presented to Rev. Messrs. Stearns and Ropes for these papers, and that they be published with the Minutes; and issued also in separate form.

United in singing Hymn—

“Holy Bible, Book Divine.”

(*Piegel's Hymn.*)

Benediction by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.

Adjourned.

2 P. M. The Moderator read the 84th Psalm.

United in prayer with Dea. Benjamin B. Sweetser of Cumberland North Conference.

Several items of business were transacted, and resolutions adopted, which are incorporated in connection with the topics previously introduced; and after the calling and perfecting of the roll, the last subject provided by the Committee of Arrangements was presented.

# IS A MORE LITURGICAL FORM OF WORSHIP DESIRABLE IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D. of Bangor Seminary, introduced the discussion, and it was subsequently voted that the paper which he had read, be published with the Minutes.

Rev. William P. Fisher of Brunswick, followed with remarks, indicating that an ideal service could not be found. It was a reasonable study for Ministers to know what to do, and what not to do. It was our right to use a liturgy if we chose,—but that an extemporaneous service seemed to him the best. He would have more reading of Scripture, and the people trained to Congregational singing.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

John L. Crosby of Bangor, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to Williston church, for the christian love which inspired their overflowing hospitality,—and the rare administrative ability which has made the meeting now closing, the crown of the past, and the model of the future.

Mr. C. added remarks, thanking the Committee of Arrangements for their unwearied attentions; the organist and choir, for their service of song; the ladies, for the flowers; the ushers and lads, for their promptness and politeness; Williston church and Society, and the families and people of Portland for their generous hospitality.

Also to the railroads for free return tickets, and to the press, for reports of the meeting.

He extended a cordial welcome to the next session of the Conference at Bangor.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Rev. F. E. Clark, in behalf of Williston church, assured the Conference that they had taken the heartiest pleasure in looking forward to this meeting, and in entertaining it. They had expected much, and their expectations had not been disappointed. We have been glad to meet you as Christians, as Congregationalists, and as MAINE Congregationalists. We feel that *we* are the recipients, and *you* the donors. May God bless you all.

United in singing Hymn 918—

(*Christmas.*)

“Bless be the dear, uniting love,  
That will not let us part;  
Our bodies may far off remove,  
We still are joined in heart.”

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, pronounced the benediction, and the Moderator declared the Conference adjourned, *sine die*.

E. F. DUREN,  
RECORDING SECRETARY.



## Reception by the Portland Congregational Club.

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On Monday evening, June 13, the Portland Cong'l Club met in the Hall of the Grand Army of the Republic, at which also were gathered, by invitation the previous week, the Ministers and Delegates of the General Conference. After spending an hour very socially and pleasantly, Rev. William H. Fenn, President of the Club, called the assemblage together, and to seats around the well-spread tables, finely decorated with flowers, and called on Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., to invoke the Divine blessing. After which, the President welcomed the guests in behalf of the club, and the abundant, varied, and excellent refreshments that had been provided, were served politely and generously by the young men of the Club.

After this rich entertainment, the intellectual feast came. The President read a scholarly and able paper on the New England pulpit of the old time as compared with the pulpit of the present day. When this was concluded, a short time longer was spent in social intercourse, and the company dispersed with many thanks from the guests, for the fraternal and generous entertainment of the evening.

### PRAYER MEETING.

On Tuesday morning, June 14, at six o'clock, a Prayer Meeting was held in Williston church, conducted by Rev. Addison Blanchard of St. John, N. B. who read a part of the 87th chapter of Isaiah. Remarks and Prayer by Mr. B.—also by Revs. J. T. Hawes, C. D. Crane, J. E. Adams, F. E. Clark, O. W. Rogers, D. Garland and others.

The character of this earlier morning prayer meeting was indicated in the Hymns sung, among which were :

"Blest be the tie, that binds our hearts in Christian love;" "Sweet hour of prayer;" "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word;"

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,"  
With all thy quickening powers,  
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,  
And that shall kindle ours."

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIARY.

The eight anniversary of this Society was held on Monday, June 13, at 7.30 P. M., in the Chapel of State St. Church, Mrs. William H. Fenn, President.

The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

Mrs. Fenn read Luke 15 : 8-10. The Parable of the lost piece of money ;—illustrating the work of women, in seeking for lost souls.

United in singing a Hymn. Prayer by Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland.

The officers of the Society were chosen (see Appendix), and a collection taken for the incidental expenses.

Miss Maria D. Gould of Portland, Home Secretary, read her report respecting the number of Auxiliaries and Mission Circles.

Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana presented her report as Treasurer.—Receipts, \$3.450.

Miss Sophia Spofford of Rockland, Corresponding Secretary, presented the work of the County Auxiliaries, and the Missions aided by the State Auxiliary.

Mrs. E. H. Barnes, of the Bureau of Exchange, W. B. M., Boston, made an interesting address, giving an account of Mission work in various fields, and speaking in a most hopeful and encouraging way.

After Remarks, by Mrs. Fenn, and the singing of a Hymn,—

Adjourned.

## THE WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

The first Anniversary of this Auxiliary, was held in the Ladies Parlor of Williston Church, on Wednesday, June 15, at 9 A. M.

The President, Mrs. William E. Gould, read Isa. 35th ch. and II Cor. 9 ch. : 6-12. The Hymn

“Sow in the morn thy seed”

was sung, and Prayer offered by Mrs. F. E. Clark, of Portland.

The report of the Secretary, Mrs. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor, gave a synopsis of the general work accomplished during the year.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. John L. Crosby, of Bangor, was read, showing the receipts to be \$1613.38. Boxes of clothing were sent from the following churches,—Portland, State St. ch. (three) \$300 ;

High St. (one) \$100; First Ch. Bangor, \$75; Hammond St. Ch. Bangor, \$75; South Berwick, \$75; Thomaston, \$50.

The several Vice-Presidents reported the work in their respective local Conferences.

The officers for the ensuing year were chosen. See report with the proceedings of the Maine Missionary Society.

#### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S AID.

The First Anniversary of this Association was held in the Ladies' Parlor of Williston Church, on Thursday, June 16, at 9 A. M.. Mrs. William E. Gould presiding, by invitation of Miss Mary E. Smith, of Gorham, Chairman of the Committee on work for freed people.

On taking the chair, Mrs. Gould made a touching allusion to Mrs. I. P. Warren, who was President of this committee, as absent in body, but doubtless present in spirit. Singing, "To the work." Reading of Scriptures, by Mrs. Gould. Prayer by Mrs. L. W. Hubbard, of Hiram. Mrs. Gould called the names of the existing committee, and it was voted that the same committee serve for the present year—one lady from each Conference.

The Executive Committee were also re-elected, (see Appendix.)

Miss Smith read a report, which was of an encouraging character.

Interest in the cause seems to be extending in the State, and contributions were reported from many churches which had not until this year, entered upon the work. The sum of Six hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-three cents, (\$671.63.) has been added to the fund of three hundred and sixty-one dollars, (\$361.) surplus from last year's collection. From this have been paid the salaries of Misses Farrington and Lunt, to May 1st, leaving on hand five hundred dollars, (\$500.) toward the work of the coming year.

Miss Annie E. Farrington gave an interesting and cheering account of her winter's work in Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Mary K. Lunt, being still detained by her duties in Selma, Ala., her written report was read by Miss Smith, and was full of good cheer and enthusiasm for the work. Miss E. B. Emery then introduced Miss Hayes of Limerick, who has for fourteen years been engaged in Southern Missionary labor in Georgia, and who spoke a few words of her own experience.

On Thursday evening June 16, many of the Ministers, Delegates and others who attended the meeting of the General Conference, made part of the concourse that were present in the City Hall, at the 28th Anniversary of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association. After an In-

vocation by Rev. D. M. Seward D. D. of Plymouth Ch., Singing by the choir of State St. Church, Reading the Scriptures and Prayer, by Rev. Dr. McKeown, of the Methodist Ch.,—Rev. F. E. Clark of Williston Ch. made the opening address, in which he presented the beneficial work of the Society, and the zeal which should inspire its members to prosecute it. Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston, made a forcible address on the Subordination of Commandment and Dogma, to Personal Allegiance to Christ. An additional address was made by President Chamberlain and William E. Gould Esq. made an appeal for funds to carry on the work, to which a generous response was made.

All the sessions of the General Conference were very fully attended, some of them crowded; yet all had speedy and quiet accommodation by the wise arrangements of the ushers, in the spacious, convenient and beautiful church edifice.

The programme was well arranged by the Committee; the topics of practical importance, ably discussed, and generally kept within the prescribed limits. There was no flagging of interest in the exercises from the time they commenced, to the close.

The weather was pleasant, the City beautiful, the air invigorating. Everything was done by the Committee and friends for the comfort and pleasure of the guests; often anticipating their wants. They were met at the several Rail-Road depots by some of the Committee, or the hosts—and lads with badges upon their coats, were at hand to direct to the temporary homes.

A Photograph was taken of the church edifice, and of the Conference as they were leaving it at the close of the session on Wednesday noon.

The daily papers in Portland had full reports of the proceedings. Christian Mirror June 18, 25, and July 2, had a full report. The Congregationist, of June 22 has a report,—and the Advance June 23.

## REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

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In the inspired records, between the Gospels and the Epistles, stands the book which narrates the Acts of the Apostles. Those acts look back for their inspiration to the life of our Lord, and his atoning death. And the same acts are our chief means of leading his people to an appreciation of the deeper truths contained in the Epistles. So now, the *acts* of the Lord's people is indissolubly connected with the knowledge of the Lord and of His truth. Without communion with the personal Saviour, without deep knowledge of His truth, the church is weak. And on the other hand, no deep experiences, no rich knowledge of the gospel is possible, except in a church characterized by useful deeds.

We bring to-day one chapter from the Acts of the Congregational Churches of Maine. We are not satisfied with the things which have been done. They fall far below what they should be; yet there is much which illustrates the power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And let us not forget that the history of our churches is a history of the working of the same spiritual, divine power which was present in the primitive church. They had their difficulties and hindrances, as well as we. We have all their sources of strength and joy.

In giving the report of the churches, I shall begin with the individual Conferences. The custom of mentioning first the Conferences on the East is an old one, for in the Report of the Churches in 1839, forty-two years ago, the writer remarks: "In our survey, we pass as usual, from East to West."

Of the ten churches of AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, two have been supplied during the past year by two pastors, four by acting-pastors, and one by a licentiate; while three have maintained no public services. Pastor Crowell of Houlton has recently removed to Cornish, and Brother Wheelwright is soon to leave Fort Fairfield for Phillips. The additions to the churches during the year were twenty, nine of which were by profession of faith; the removals were seven, which leaves a gain of

thirteen. The membership of the Sabbath-schools is one hundred and thirty-one larger than last year. There has been a slight increase in the gifts for both Foreign Missions and Home Missions, though the total of benevolent gifts reported is less than last year. Carroll, though without a pastor, continues a very pleasant Sabbath-school with good results, and the people feel that the church there should be sustained. At Fort Fairfield two Sunday-schools, numbering one hundred and thirty, have been maintained, and also two weekly meetings—one in the village, the other at Shaw's Mills. A debt of \$485. upon the church has been paid off, principal and interest.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE reports from its ten churches, two pastors, four Acting Pastors, and one student, while three are vacant. Of these three, two are very small, the other the largest in the Conference, the Church in Foxcroft and Dover, which has lost its Pastor, Rev. Herbert A. Loring. He was not only a good Pastor, but a kind of bishop in the region around, and many good wishes follow him to his new field of labor. The churches have received ten additions, all on profession of faith, and have lost thirty-eight, leaving a net loss of twenty-eight. The Sabbath Schools also report a loss in membership of forty-one. On the other hand, in benevolent gifts there is a gain of \$745. The gifts to Foreign Missions have increased, and in almost all the churches, Home Missionary work has been much more liberally aided than last year.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE includes nineteen churches, of which only five are self-sustaining. Two of these churches have Pastors, seven Acting Pastors, two Licentiates, and eight are reported as vacant, though most of these have been supplied with preaching by some student a portion of the year. The additions to the churches have been twenty, of which fifteen were by profession. The removals were thirty-three, which indicates a net loss of thirteen, though on account of inaccuracy in the keeping of church records, the figures report twenty-two less than last year. The total of benevolent gifts shows a slight loss, though here, again, there has been an increase in those to Foreign Missions, the American Missionary Association, and markedly to Home Missions. The reporter from the Conference remarks, there has been a lamentable absence of the power of the Spirit in our churches the past year.

Of the fourteen churches of HANCOCK CONFERENCE, three have Pastors, six Acting Pastors, one is supplied by a Licentiate, and four are vacant.

During the year, Rev. Geo. S. Kemp has closed his ministry at West Brooksville, Rev. D. W. Hardy at Bluehill, and Rev. Hiram Houston at the First Church in Deer Isle. The additions to the churches have been by profession thirteen, of which five were at Ellsworth, and five at Amherst and Aurora; by letter five, total eighteen. The removals were thirty-four, leaving a loss of sixteen. The contributions (after making allowance for the legacies of Deacon Samuel Adams of Castine, last year) show a slight falling off from 1880.

The ministerial register of PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE stands seven Pastors, three Acting Pastors, and three Licentiates, while four Churches are vacant. Rev. S. L. B. Speare was dismissed from the First Church Bangor, May 5th. Rev. A. J. McGown from the Church in Orono, May 19th. The additions to the churches have been forty-six,—twenty-three of them by profession. The removals have been seventy-six, which show a net loss of thirty. The membership of the Sabbath Schools is larger by nine than last year. To Foreign Missions, \$10 more was given than last year. To Home Missions, \$51 more. The mysterious column of "other objects" swells the aggregate to \$315 more than last year. On Easter Sunday the Central Church, Bangor, inspired by the example and earnest words of their Pastor, paid off a debt of \$5,000, and had some hundreds left over. The condition of Bangor Seminary is a matter of vital importance to our churches. The year there has been characterized by spirituality, harmony, and earnest, faithful work. The entering class was smaller than usual, on account of the raising of the standard of admission, which necessitated the rejection of several applicants. The next class however, promises to be larger than any for several years. On the first of June, Rev. Lewis F. Stearns was inaugurated Professor of Christian Theology. Professor Talcott has resigned, after forty-two years of faithful service, and the Trustees are looking for one who may prove a worthy successor.

WALDO CONFERENCE,—with eleven churches, reports, three Pastors, three Acting Pastors one church supplied by a Licentiate, and four vacant. In the membership of the churches there is a loss of five, but in the membership of the Sabbath Schools a gain of \$103. Benevolent contributions show a decline of \$145 though there is an increase of \$67 in gifts to Home Missions. The First Church in Belfast, and the Church in Searsport deserve commendation for their faithful giving to all the various benevolent objects. Some of the churches, on the other hand, have not

even taken a collection for our own Home Missionary Society. The churches which have received additions by profession are Belfast First four, Camden four, Jackson and Brooks three. At Winterport the congregation has doubled, and the Sabbath School largely increased.

The churches of LINCOLN and SAGADAHOC are supplied by six Pastors, and eleven Acting Pastors, which leaves five pulpits vacant. The gains and losses in membership exactly balance each other. Thomaston reports an increase of twenty-seven members. (twenty-one on profession ) Rockland an increase of eight by letter and seven on profession. Bristol has received five by profession.—Union and Warren three each.

The year has been marked by a revival of benevolence in several of the churches. This appears in an increase not only of the amount given to Home and Foreign Missions, but that raised for Home expenditures. Several Churches have adopted plans of systematic benevolence. The Winter St. Church, Bath, reports an increase in its benevolent offerings of \$188 over last year :—the Central Church, Bath, an increase of \$352, the Church in Thomaston of \$142.

The Contributions of the whole Conference show a gain over last year of \$306—the Home Expenditures of \$3,622. Of the feeble churches of this Conference, the Reporter remarks that they seem to be growing more feeble, but he adds what deserves to be most emphatically endorsed, that they deserve the prayers, the fellowship and the help of their sister churches which are stronger. Nothing is more unchristian than to look upon these little churches with a spirit of indifference. Nothing is more beneficial to the stronger churches than practical sympathy with them. The annual meeting of Cumberland Conference has just been held with a church which numbers only twenty-four resident members, and it would be hard to find all of them. But the church by its excellent Sabbath School, its faithful remembrance of the objects of benevolence, and its spiritual earnestness, is amply proving its worth. Let us encourage and help our feeble churches.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE reports three Pastors, five Acting Pastors, two Licentiates, and four vacant churches. Rev. Alexander Wiswal has been dismissed from the Church in Benton, and Rev. James H. Ecob from that in Augusta. The membership of the churches has gained eighteen. There is a falling off of \$313 in benevolent gifts, though following the general trend of the year, gifts for Home Missions have increased \$66.



The church in Winslow have appropriated \$745, received by legacy o the purchase of a parsonage, and for the same object have themselves subscribed and paid \$680. At the same time they are making earnest effort to give their Pastor a good support without asking aid from the Missionary Society. The Pastor writes, "these endeavors have infused more life and courage into the church, and I have felt that it amounted to something of a spiritual quickening."

Hallowell is building a stone church, with chapel annexed, to cost \$16,000. The money is all pledged, and the work is to be completed in nine months. What is still better, it is believed that a score or more persons have become christians. The first converts were among the stone-cutters. Twelve or fifteen are pupils in the Classical School. This good result was gained in connection with union prayer meetings, and especially with faithful, untiring personal effort on the part of christians.

Not only the church in Hallowell, but all the churches, should pray for our Classical School.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE brings the sad report of no additions, either by profession or letter. The twelve churches have lost by the various forms of removal, twenty-nine. In benevolent contributions there is also a decline of \$152. Attendance upon public worship and Sabbath Schools has increased. May all trying experiences only lead God's people to remember with new confidence his ever living words, "Fear not, for I am with thee." I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands;—thy walls are continually before me."

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE consists of ten Churches, of which three have Pastors, five Acting Pastors, and two are vacant. The churches have received twenty to membership; nine by confession of faith. They have lost twenty-three, so that their membership is three less than last year. In this, however, as in all the Conferences, some church clerks are not accurate and consistent in their reports from year to year, so that the apparent loss from last year is seventeen. Benevolent gifts have fallen off \$77. Farmington has installed Rev. A. W. Moore as its Pastor. It has also raised \$2612 to pay off its debt and effect some improvements. At Farmington Falls, special meetings held by the Pastor have resulted in several conversions. At Phillips where the church is reduced to a handful, the pluck and perseverance of some christian women have secured a house for a minister, a place for him to preach, and the promise of a Pastor who will begin public services there at the

end of this month. They say : "Everything that we have undertaken has seemed to prosper, and we believe the Lord is with us." People who work as they have done, always find that the Lord is with them.

Strong reports a steady growth of interest and attendance at the Sabbath morning service. Temple has purchased a bell at a cost of \$250 of which sum the Ladies' Circle earned half. The Reporter from the Conference says that a general hopefulness seems to prevail among churches.

The record of the fifteen churches in OXFORD CONFERENCE reads—four with Pastors, five with Acting Pastors, one Licentiate and five vacant.

The removals from the churches have been thirty-six, the addition only thirty, leaving a loss of six in membership. The total benevolent gifts are \$561 which is \$86 more than last year. Gifts to Home Mission have advanced from \$133 to \$168; a gain of \$35. The little church in Sumner has enjoyed a season of refreshing. Some thirteen persons, nearly all of them heads of families, give evidence of conversion, and new courage is infused into the whole membership. In the First Church in Bethel, a very quiet and precious work of God's Spirit has been experienced during and since the Week of Prayer. Ten persons have united with the church upon confession of faith.

The seventeen churches of UNION CONFERENCE are mostly small—averaging less than fifty resident members. They have added to their membership only twenty-seven, while they have lost fifty-one, leaving a reduction of twenty-four. The Sabbath Schools, however, show a gain of fifty-five; the families in the congregations a gain of one; the benevolent contributions a gain of \$170. In the gifts to both Home and Foreign Missions the advance is decided. It is very pleasant to see in the report from this, as from almost all the Conferences, a spirit not of depression, but of hope. Says the Reporter : "Union Conference belongs to the Lord's recruiting ground. Many valuable members must be given to do good work in our cities. During the past ten years these churches have lost by death and removals quite one-fourth of their numbers; yet they live, and number nearly as many as then." It deserves special note that four of the five vacant churches, during that part of the year when they had no preaching, have sustained religious services on the Sabbath themselves.

Of the twenty-one Churches of CUMBERLAND NORTH, only one is reported as vacant. It is a gratifying fact, that with the exception of the coming of an Acting Pastor to South Freeport, there has been no ministerial change in the Conference during the year. There are eight Pastors and twelve Acting Pastors, and the average term of service is in the case of the two classes exactly the same, or four years. These twenty-one churches have received by profession of faith, thirty-seven; by letter, fifty-one: total, eighty-eight. They have lost by death and dismissal eighty-nine, which leaves a net loss of one. Those added by profession, are eleven less than last year; those added by letter, twenty-five more. The total additions exceed those of last year by fourteen. The Reporter from the Conference, noting the fact that nearly one-fourth of the members are reported as absentees, strongly urges that steps be taken to correct the evil. Contributions to Foreign Missions were reported \$15 more than the year before; to Home Missions \$305 more; to all objects, \$14 more. It should also be noted that the gifts reported a year ago exceeded those of the year previous by nearly \$1000. From Bowdoin College comes the assurance that both students and faculty consider the moral condition of the College good, and the religious prospects promising.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE still leads the State in its observance of the old time practice of installing its Pastors by Council. And lest this should be ascribed to the fact that many of its Churches are large. I will state that of the fourteen Installed Pastors, several are over the smaller churches. One of these is in the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate. There are five Acting Pastors, and two vacant pulpits. The additions by profession, have been one-hundred and seven; by letter, sixty-two;—total, one-hundred and sixty-nine. The removals have been one-hundred and twenty-three, which leaves a gain of forty-six; reduced however by inaccuracy in reports from some Churches, to an apparent gain of only thirty-two. Last year, six churches reported no additions by profession; this year nine. The benevolent contributions reported in 1880 were \$10,527; this year \$17,210, a gain of \$6,683. Foreign Missions have received \$261 more than last year; Home Missions \$619 more. The Conference has met with a great loss in the dismissal of Rev. E. Y. Hincks from the Pastorate of State street Church, Portland, and Rev. H. W. Lathe from Plymouth Church. They have welcomed Rev. S. W. Adriance to the Pastorate of the Church at

Woodford's, Rev. E. E. Bacon to Saccarappa, and Rev. D. M. Sewa to Plymouth Church in Portland. The Abyssinian (colored) church Portland has been blessed by the faithful labors of Rev. John G. Wilco. Since he began his work, the attendance has more than doubled. Cumberland Mills an excellent parsonage has been built by Mr. S. J. Warren. Prayer meetings have been pervaded by a deep spiritual feeling, and since the Week of Prayer conversions have occurred from time to time—mostly among adults and heads of families. Williston Church Portland, dedicated in February the beautiful edifice in which we meet to-day. The dedication had been deferred two years and a half, that the building might be wholly free from debt. A quiet and wide-spread religious interest began during the Week of Prayer, and resulted in more than fifty conversions, mostly among the young people, though many adults were also reached. The young people's Society of Christian Endeavor was then formed, and contains about one hundred and twenty-five members, who are pledged to attend weekly and in some way take part in the meeting. Fifty-one have joined this church the past year and since Jan. 1877, two hundred and twenty-four have joined. In every one of the last twenty-eight communion seasons, or for nearly five years, some have united. The record of the church is a precious illustration of the results which flow from steadfast devotion and zeal in both pastor and people.

To the Second Parish Church in this city, the year has also been one of unusual blessing. Every dollar of the debt which has long burdened them has been paid, and the bonds were burned in the presence of the people. It was surely an acceptable burnt offering. Ever since the Week of Prayer, a deep religious feeling has been apparent in the meetings, and forty or fifty have become Christians. Many of those who have taken this stand are business men. Twelve are heads of families, and more than three-quarters of those who have united with the church are over eighteen years of age. By far the greater number of these converts, are the result of direct and persevering personal effort. A very useful enterprise inaugurated by the church is a sewing-school for the poor children. More than fifty girls have attended, have been instructed by the ladies in sewing, and have been allowed to keep the garments which they made. Another extremely interesting feature of the work of the Second Parish Church, is their Chinese Department. All the Chinamen in the city, twelve in number, come every Sunday to receive instruction from several ladies who have undertaken this work. The

have proved apt scholars. Some who a few months ago could not write a word of English, can now write the Lord's Prayer without a mistake. They are courteous, generous and responsive to every effort for their good. When we think that all these young men intend in a few years to return to China, who can help offering fervent prayer that God will make them messengers of our blessed Redeemer to multitudes of their people.

The report of YORK CONFERENCE carries us to the bounds of another diocese, and completes our list. York has twenty-eight Churches, five of which are supplied by Pastors and seventeen by Acting Pastors, while six have no regular preaching. The Church in Cornish, and all the Churches of the Conference, mourn the death of Rev. Albert Cole, whose zeal in the Master's work was constant. Brother Crowell, from Houlton, now fills his place. The removals from the Churches exceed the additions by fifty. The fact, however, should be noted that the deaths exceed the admissions on profession of faith by only twenty-one. Benevolent contributions are \$26 less than last year. In comparison, however, with last year, Home Missions gain \$15 and Foreign Missions \$95. The additions by profession are largest at South Berwick, eleven; York First, six; Kennebunk, five; Kennebunkport First, five; and Alfred, four. At Lyman, increased attendance at the prayer meeting, and special evidence of the presence of God's Spirit are mentioned. Elliot reports the completion of a new and very convenient church edifice, with vestries, at a cost of about \$4000, nearly all of which is paid.

#### SUMMARY.

Summing up the statistics, we find the number of Churches two-hundred and forty-three, the same as last year. It has varied very little from this figure for ten years.

The number of ministers reported is one-hundred and ninety-six, viz. . Pastors, sixty-three; Acting Pastors, eighty-two; without charge, fifty-one. Last year the Pastors numbered seventy-two, ten more than now: Acting Pastors seventy-eight, four less than now. The inference, however, should not be hastily drawn, that the tendency is to dispense with Councils of Churches in the settlement of ministers, for the proportion of Pastors is decidedly larger now than five years ago, six ordinations are reported during the year, and five installations. Seven Pastors have been dismissed.

.. The additions to our Churches the past year have been, by profession of faith, three hundred and ninety-five; by letter, two hundred and thirty-eight; total, six hundred and thirty-three. The removals have been by death, three hundred and ninety; by dismissal, three hundred and forty-one; by discipline, twenty-eight; total, seven hundred and fifty-nine. The removals exceed the additions by one hundred and twenty-six. The membership of our Churches stands to-day six thousand three hundred and eighty-three males, and fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-five females; total twenty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-eight; of whom four thousand five hundred and seventy-six are absentees. Making the comparison by Conferences, we find that in eleven Conferences, the removals exceed the additions, viz. Cumberland North, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Union, Waldo, Washington, and York. In one, the removals and additions are exactly equal, viz. Lincoln and Sagadahoc. In three, the additions outnumber the removals, viz.—Aroostook, Cumberland, and Kennebec. Looking at the matter by Churches, ninety-two Churches report one or more persons received by profession of faith, one hundred and fifty-one report none. We must go back twenty years, to 1861, to find a report of so few additions as the present year. Then they were about one hundred less.

Beloved brethren, this dearth of conversions to Christ during the year, is the one fact which presses heavily upon our hearts to-day. Let us not ignore it, nor fail to be deeply humbled for it before our divine Lord. But while it leads to repentance for sin, and fervent, effectual prayer, let it bring no despondency. "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear." I have been interested to see that the reports from almost all the Conferences are written in a spirit of hope. But at the same time we cannot be too desirous to learn the lessons God would teach us by such a year. Others will discuss them, but let me briefly indicate what I believe are two or three. One is, that if a church would enjoy God's blessing, *it must engage in practical christian work*. It must exist, not simply to be ministered unto, but to minister.

The reports this year suggest various forms of christian service, in which all may profitably engage. We cannot adopt in all the churches the same methods. The farmers of Aroostook, and of York, do not raise just the same crops. But the church which is trying to meet the real spiritual wants of the community, and which helps the great benevolent

movements of the christian world, is the church which lives and thrives. It is surprising and it is sad, to see how many churches without Pastors, and even with Pastors, give nothing to the great christian enterprises of our day. Of the two hundred and forty-three Congregational churches of Maine, sixty-three have this last year, given nothing to Home Missions; one hundred and ten, nothing to Foreign Missions; one hundred and forty-five, nothing to that glorious work,—the pre-eminent work of our day—which the American Missionary Association is doing at the South. There are forty-five churches which report no gifts to any object. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. They account for much of our religious declension. The weakest church should have some part in this world-wide work for the Master. The church which has no pastor should not discontinue its gifts for Christ's kingdom. Give, and it shall be given unto you.

Another specific lesson from this year, which we shall be wrong if we do not lay to heart, is that *we must carry the spirit of Christ into politics*. There can be no reasonable doubt, that the political excitements of the past year are one reason of the barrenness of spiritual results. What then is the lesson? That christians should neglect their political duties? Surely not. These duties must often recur. Must they prove a hindrance to spiritual work? No, the rebuke is to the spirit of bitterness and rancor in politics. It tells us that christian men are to exercise justice, honor and charity toward opponents. It rebukes that spirit which in time of a political canvass, neglects the prayer meeting, and brings coldness into a christian man's relations to his Master. When all christians learn to pray fervently over their political duties, and perform them as to the Lord, these duties will not prove a hindrance to the conversion of men.

The number of baptisms reported is, of adults, two hundred and fifty-six, of infants, one hundred and eleven. The observance of infant baptism is declining in our churches. In 1839, forty-two years ago, a Committee, (one of whom, the venerable Dr. Chickering, it is our privilege to have with us to-day,) made a report to the General Conference of Maine on the subject of Infant Baptism. In that report, they stated that their appointment was due to "the suggestion of some of the venerable fathers in our churches, not of the ministry, who spoke with tender and tearful emotion of what they apprehended to be a letting down of the good old Congregational standard on this subject." The report of that Committee doubtless helped to secure a better practice in

the churches. But at the present time, there is need to hear again, with deep earnestness, the call of the fathers of our Israel, who loved this blessed practice of consecrating the children to their Lord. Accurate returns of infant baptisms were not given in the earlier years of the Conference, but I have the figures since 1855, and they show a steady decline. This will be sufficiently illustrated, if I give you the number of infant baptisms each year from 1855 to 1859, and then each year from 1877 to 1881. For the former series of years they run 269, 237, 258, 311, 358. For the latter, they run 138, 147, 142, 142, 111. The baptisms for the last five years are about half what they were twenty years ago from 1855 to 1859.\*

Brethren, I believe that in these facts, and in that neglect of household piety which lies back of them, we have the *chief* reason for the decline of power in our churches which we lament to-day. True, baptism is but a sign, but back of it lies the thing signified. The greatest need of our churches to-day, is more fidelity in christian nurture. The point where we are weakest, is that of piety at home. The fathers as well as the mothers, should hear God's call saying to them, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." As they love their children—as they value their own souls, they should give time to this, whether they take it from business, or politics, or recreation. The decline of many a country church is to be explained by neglect of piety at home. True, many of its sons and daughters are in Iowa and Nebraska, but often a considerable number remain at home. But they were not brought up in an affectionate, whole-souled christian nurture; and so now they are wanderers from the church. Brethren, let us learn anew, and teach our churches the preciousness, the far-reaching import of the consecration of the children, and of piety at home.

The membership of our Sabbath Schools is twenty-two thousand two hundred and fifty-eight—a gain of seven hundred and fifty-five over last year. And I am confident that never were these schools doing better work.

The number of families in our congregations is fourteen thousand two hundred and thirty-two, a gain of eight hundred and eighty-seven over last year.

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\*No. of Infant Baptisms, five years 1855–59–1433; the next five years, to 1864,—1141; the next five years, to 1869,—1021; the next six years, to 1875,—833; the last six years, to 1881,—818.



The contributions to Foreign Missions have been \$10,014, a loss of \$875, as compared with last year. The College and Education Society has received \$1,267, a falling off of \$70. The Congregational Union has received \$647, a loss of \$273. To Home Missions, the gifts run up to \$10,465, which is \$564 more than was contributed last year. To the American Missionary Association \$3,303, which is \$568 less. The gifts to other objects are \$16,078, which shows an increase of \$3,340. The total contributions to Benevolent Objects are \$41,296 which is \$779 more than last year. The total amount of Home Expenditures reported is \$183,172, an increase over last year of \$3,437. On the whole, the benevolent contributions of the churches have been well sustained, and some Conferences show a gratifying advance.

Such are the statistics of our churches for the year. Beyond and above all reports which can be tabulated, is the work of God's grace in the hearts of his people. Let us remind ourselves that it is as we individually receive these heavenly gifts, that the churches have power. The review of the year should lead each pastor, each officer of the church, each christian man and woman to ask, Have I lived near to God? Have I conquered besetting sins? Have I grown in grace? Have I helped the work of our Lord?

For the coming year our prayer shall be: "Now therefore arise. O Lord God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength; let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness."

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,

ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Portland, June 14, 1881.



# CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Edward S. Tead.

CHURCHES.			MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 1, 1881.			Added during yr.			Removed during year.			Contributions. (Dollars.)													
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Lay.	Ordained.	Installed or Present.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Disipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. Sabbath School, 1881.	Families, May 1, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Baldwin.....	1821 May	John P. Trowbridge.	A. P.	1874 Sept. 17	1881 May 22	11	28	39	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	30	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Cape Elizabeth, First.....	1754 Sept. 10	Edwin A. Harlow.....	P.	1863 Aug. 26	1871 Nov. 21	15	40	55	15	4	4	2	6	2	2	4	4	150	175	9	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	19 1150
Cape Elizabeth, (Ligonla)	1869 Mar. 14	William E. Gould.....	Lay.	.....	1877 May 1	27	50	77	4	6	3	9	0	0	0	1	30	90	24	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	29 300	
Deering, First.....	1765 Apr. 8	Vacant.....	P.	.....	.....	9	11	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Deering, Woodford's Cor.	1872 Sept. 4	Samuel W. Adriansen.....	P.	1877 May 22	1880 Oct. 21	34	72	106	20	1	4	5	0	4	0	4	0	175	140	40	0	151	0	0	0	0	191 1500	
Rainmouth, First.....	1754 June	Arthur N. Ward.....	P.	1879 Feb. 25	1879 Feb. 25	24	83	107	25	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	75	82	39	0	31	24	0	0	0	130 650	
Rainmouth, Second.....	1830 Sept. 16	William H. Buckell.....	A. P.	.....	.....	24	67	91	34	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	80	100	23	0	14	20	0	0	0	87 650	
Gorham.....	1750 Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington	P.	1866 Jan. 31	1877 June 11	71	178	249	61	2	7	4	5	5	0	10	2	250	215	251	20	41	160	166	163	801 29000		
Second Parish.....	1787 Sept. 30	Charles A. Dickinson	P.	1870 Sept. 25	1879 Sept. 25	110	372	482	101	39	21	60	9	3	13	20	6	566	300	313	10	0	144	54	647	1069 3593		
Fourth (Abyssinian)	1831 Sept. 9	William H. Penn.....	P.	1859 Feb. 20	1866 July 15	3	10	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200 400	
Bethel.....	1835 Aug. 7	John G. Wilson.....	A. P.	1851 Dec. 12	1866 June 11	33	39	72	24	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	4	305	210	630	100	100	1000	285	6512	8642 6288		
St. Lawrence Street	1840 Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	P.	1870 Oct. 18	1876 Oct. 19	18	122	244	406	35	3	2	5	0	0	0	3	3	80	49	0	0	23	0	0	57	129 1653	
West.....	1858 Feb. 19	Abel H. Wright.....	A. P.	1866 Nov. 1	1871 Apr. 19	75	118	193	47	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	125	50	4	16	0	12	0	0	5	21 1200	
Plymouth.....	1862 Sept. 17	John F. Morgan.....	P.	1865 July 27	1874 Nov. 8	18	46	64	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	375	263	180	0	30	175	60	410	835 4000		
Williston.....	1869 Dec. 26	Dwight M. Seward.....	P.	1876 Oct. 19	1881 June 22	22	162	234	45	38	13	51	3	5	0	8	27	8	90	40	100	0	45	84	0	0	229 575	
Scarborough.....	1728 June 26	Vacant.....	P.	.....	.....	21	39	60	13	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	45	100	25	0	0	16	3	0	0	45 625	
Standish.....	1824 Feb. 5	John P. Trowbridge.....	P.	1874 Sept. 17	1874 Sept. 17	4	34	38	17	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	200	140	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westbrook, Saccarappa.....	1852 Jan. 17	Edward E. Bacon.....	P.	1877 Sept. 13	1881 Jan. 12	37	102	139	8	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	200	140	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westbrook, Warren ch.....	1809 Sept. 30	Edward S. Tead.....	P.	1878 Sept. 17	1878 Sept. 17	64	39	103	24	5	6	11	0	0	0	4	2	1	170	150	88	0	153	45	0	70	356 1315	
Windham.....	1743 Dec. 11	Luther Wiswall.....	P.	1837 Aug. 12	1854 Sept. 20	15	47	62	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	30	32	0	0	20	25	0	43	560	0	
						900	2311	3271	561	107	62	160	45	75	3	123	62	37	3334	2576	2090	176	2065	950	10214	17210 36094		
						Twenty-two.																						

(1) Resigned.—Dis. May 26, 1881.



# FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Albert W. Moore.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 1, 1881.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.				Contributions. (Dollars.)															
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Families, May, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Farmington.....	1874 Oct. 14	Albert W. Moore.....	P.	1873 Jan. 22	1879 Mar. 1	84	172	256	36	6	5	11	0	7	0	7	3	0	900	120	120	25	8	10	0	12	108	163	3000	
Farmington Falls.....	1859 Mar. 5	Caleb L. Rotch.....	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	7	25	32	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	90	41	4	0	2	0	12	6	0	24	432	
Industry.....	1808 July 5	Vacant.....	(1)			16	19	35	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	30	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	25	
New Sharon.....	1801 Feb. 11	Caleb L. Rotch.....	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	37	73	110	20	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	75	50	3	0	1	14	5	0	23	650		
New Vineyard.....	1828 Sept. 3	Vacant.....	(1)			7	8	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	40	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips.....	1822 Oct. 9	John B. Wheelwright.....	A.P.	1851 Oct. 15	1881 June 1	4	10	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strong.....	1810 Mar. 31	Loring Pratt.....	A.P.	1867 Nov. 7	1875 July 1	35	57	92	26	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	120	51	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	25	40	0
Temple.....	1805 Sept. 19	Arthur G. Fitz.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 1	1880 Dec. 1	23	42	65	17	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	53	33	6	0	5	10	0	0	21	165	0	
Weld.....	1809 Aug. 17	Henry Farrar.....	A.P.	1867 Nov. 6	1879 Aug. 31	17	26	43	17	0	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	32	20	7	0	3	25	0	0	3	37	19	0	0
Wilton.....	1819 Feb. 16	Arthur G. Fitz.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 1	1880 Dec. 1	31	61	92	34	2	4	6	1	1	0	3	2	1	63	40	25	3	10	40	6	0	85	550	0	
Ten.						201	403	754	171	9	11	20	11	12	0	23	6	1	733	397	70	11	31	142	29	110	303	5781	0	

(1) Industry and New Vineyard, supplied a part of the year by F. A. Balcorn, Ltc.

\*Union School.

# HANCOCK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Alfred E. Ives.

CHURCHES.	MINISTER.			Ch. Members May 1, 1881.			Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Contributions. (Dollars.)																						
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Lic.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Families, May 1, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Aim. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.					
Amherst and Aurora.....	1830 Sept. 14	William Haynes.....	Lic.	1880 June	.....	1880 June	12	43	55	9	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	60	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	163				
Bluehill.....	1772 Oct. 7	Vacant.....	A.P.	1881 May	.....	1881 May	30	62	92	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	52	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	6	40	800			
Brooksville, West.....	1826 June 4	Alfred E. Ives.....	A.P.	1881 May	.....	1881 May	46	66	112	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	365			
Bucksport.....	1803 May 12	William Forsyth.....	P.	1870 Sept. 15	.....	1870 Sept. 15	36	102	138	23	0	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	160	100	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	384	1600		
Cadotte.....	1820 July 27	Lewis J. Thomas.....	P.	1878 June 18	.....	1878 June 18	19	72	91	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	62	0	0	0	56	10	0	0	0	0	0	43	38	32	179	975
Deer Isle, First.....	1773 Aug. 1	Hiram Houston.....(1)	A.P.	1868 Apr. 5	.....	1868 Apr. 5	46	125	171	17	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	125	.....	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	.....	
Deer Isle, Second.....	1858 Dec. 1	Vacant.....	A.P.	1865 Apr. 5	.....	1865 Apr. 5	10	20	30	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	
Ellsworth.....	1812 Sept. 8	Chas. J. H. Ropes.....(2)	P.	1877 Aug. 15	.....	1877 Aug. 15	39	135	174	40	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	110	.....	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	322	1622	1600
Isle au Haut.....	1837 May 7	Vacant.....	A.P.	1877 Aug. 15	.....	1877 Aug. 15	1	10	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	.....	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	
Orland.....	1850 Sept. 25	William Forsyth.....	A.P.	1870 Sept. 15	.....	1870 Sept. 15	19	66	75	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	.....	0	0	0	35	40	0	0	30	20	0	0	100	250		
Sedgewick & Brooksville.	1793 July 8	Henry B. Hart.....	A.P.	1869 Dec. 21	.....	1869 Dec. 21	7	16	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sedgewick Village.....	1847 Oct. 28	Vacant.....	A.P.	1870 Dec. 21	.....	1870 Dec. 21	0	7	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Stonesville.....	1876 Dec. 21	Albert N. Jones.....	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	.....	1872 Feb. 8	7	21	28	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	145	.....	0	0	0	140	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	18	320	
Tremont (Mount Desert).	1792 Oct. 17	Albert N. Jones.....	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	.....	1872 Feb. 8	17	55	72	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	.....	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	320	
Fourteen.							297	790	1087	177	13	5	18	18	15	1	34	7	5	1385	666	314	10	0	370	78	190	900	6402						

(1) Resigned Apr. 1, 1881. (2) Supplied by M. E. Churchhill, Lic. (3) Resigned Aug. 1881.—Charles W. Huntington, from Sept. 1, 1881.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. William C. Curtis.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 1, 1881.			Added dur'g yr. during year.			Removed dur'g year.			Contributions, (Dollars.)													
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized.—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 1, 1881.	Families, May 1, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Augusta.....	1794 Oct. 7	Henry E. Mott.....	P.E.	1878 Nov. 12	77	206	283	51	6	3	9	9	7	0	16	2	250	283	283	343	21	0	502	51	251	1108	4000	
Benton.....	1808 July 16	Vacant.....			12	43	55	18	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	35	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	450
Clinton.....	1838 July 15	Frederic G. Chutter.	Lic.	1880 Oct. 1	2	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
Gardiner.....	1855 July 28	Austin L. Park....(1)	P.	1864 Feb. 2	39	117	156	41	0	8	8	3	2	0	5	0	90	100	128	0	0	0	93	18	23	202	1300	
Hallowell.....	1790 Feb. 25	Charles A. White....	P.	1873 Sept. 3	38	129	167	44	2	10	12	2	5	0	1	1	204	140	170	0	0	0	185	75	59	460	1150	
Litchfield.....	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes....	A.P.	1828 Jan. 23	20	39	59	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	50	30	17	5	0	0	16	10	7	53	325	
Monmouth.....	1853 May 17	Richard C. Stanley (2)	Lic.	1880 June 1	21	43	64	12	25	1	26	2	1	0	3	1	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	400
Pittston.....	1812 Nov. 17	David L. Davis.....	P.	1880 Mar. 24	7	21	28	6	4	2	6	1	0	0	1	5	0	47	43	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	411	
Richmond.....	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis....	A.P.	1863 Sept. 1	8	38	46	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	45	89	40	0	0	40	15	0	95	900	
Sidney.....	1829 Feb. 25	Vacant.....			4	7	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassalboro.....	1818 July 28	Vacant.....			2	11	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	0	0	0	60	4	64	120	120		
Waterville.....	1828 Aug. 31	Ezra N. Smith.....	A.P.	1872 June 12	65	120	185	71	2	3	5	0	3	0	3	2	140	51	66	0	0	10	55	0	28	150	1500	
Winslow.....	1828 Aug. 27	Gustavus W. Jones..	A.P.	1860 May 27	28	64	92	35	0	0	1	1	6	0	1	7	0	57	44	54	0	0	0	30	0	0	54	1160
Winthrop.....	1776 Sept. 4	William F. O'ear....	A.P.	1868 Oct. 14	54	109	163	32	0	3	3	4	1	0	5	0	113	105	40	0	0	0	10	0	20	105	1000	
Fourteen.					378	951	1329	346	41	30	71	27	26	0	53	12	7173	1016	858	26	10	994	220	378	2480	12870		

(1) Rev. Webster Woodbury supplies during Pastor's absence. (2) Almon J. Rackliff, Lic. and Charles T. Hawes, Lic. a portion of the time.





# OXFORD CONFERENCE, Reported by Arthur W. Valentine.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Ch. Members May 1, 1881.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.		Contributions. (Dollars.)															
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Mischipline.	Total.	Baptized.—Adults.	Baptized.—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 1, 1881.	Parishes, May 1, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.		
Andover.....	1800 Nov. 8	Charles Dame	A.P.	1839 May 20 1881 June 5	1839 May 20 1881 June 5	29	51	80	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	14	0	0	0	11	13	0	41	475		
Beetham Hall, N. H.....	1877 Nov. 22	Arthur J. Benedict	A.P.	1875 May 25 1875 June 1	1875 May 25 1875 June 1	6	25	31	1	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	100	65	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	500		
Bethel, First.....	1799 Oct. 7	Stephen J. Bowler	A.P.	1853 Jan. 1 1879 May 15	1853 Jan. 1 1879 May 15	50	108	158	23	10	2	12	4	2	0	6	8	2	102	...	17	0	0	48	18	30	113	950					
Bethel, Second.....	1840 Jan. 31	David Garland	P.	1849 Aug. 15 1849 Aug. 15	1849 Aug. 15 1849 Aug. 15	13	30	45	24	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30	80	0	0	8	20	20	50	178	...				
Dixfield.....	1846 May 8	Vacant	P.	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Gilead.....	1818 June 26	Thomas P. Williams	P.	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	6	24	30	5	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gorham, N. H.....	1862 Mar. 18	Arthur J. Benedict	A.P.	1875 May 25 1875 June 1	1875 May 25 1875 June 1	12	20	32	30	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Norway, First.....	1802 Oct. 6	Vacant	A.P.	1879 Sept. 24 1881 April 1	1879 Sept. 24 1881 April 1	12	28	40	35	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	120	67	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Norway, Second.....	1853 Jan. 16	Alexander W. Wall	A.P.	1879 Sept. 16 1879 July 13	1879 Sept. 16 1879 July 13	16	35	51	10	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	50	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oxford.....	1826 May 31	Frederick E. Emrich	A.P.	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	7	9	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rumford.....	1863 May 5	Vacant	P.	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8 1879 Oct. 8	4	9	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shelburne, N. H.....	1826 Aug. 26	Thomas C. Williams	P.	1877 Oct. 16 1881 Jan. 17	1877 Oct. 16 1881 Jan. 17	52	114	166	42	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	125	65	4	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Paris.....	1802 Sept. 8	Edmond C. Ingalls	A.P.	1879 Jan. 4 1879 Jan. 4	1879 Jan. 4 1879 Jan. 4	20	38	58	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summer.....	1861 Mar. 19	Vacant	Lic.	1879 Jan. 4 1879 Jan. 4	1879 Jan. 4 1879 Jan. 4	2	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						296	587	883	188	22	8	30	17	17	2	30	15	3	1007	493	141	0	25	108	78	133	561	3041	...				

(1) Rev. Joseph Garland, Sidney A. Barnaby, Lic. and Albert Donnell, Lic. supplied portions of the year. \*Union School.

# PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Clarence S. Sargent.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				C'h. Members May 1, 1881.		Added during yr.				Contributions. (Dollars.)																
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Families, May, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Ann. Missy Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Bangor, First.....	1811 Nov. 27	S. Lewis B. Spore. (1)	P.	1874 Jan. 13	1878 July 1	78	199	277	43	2	4	6	4	9	2	15	1	0	219	175	86	14	0	187	100	294	681	2500
" " Hammond St.....	1823 Dec. 5	Vacant.....(2)	P.	1853 Nov. 16	1864 Mar. 29	114	242	356	74	4	3	3	7	10	11	21	2	1	300	240	169	41	20	384	196	429	1293	2267
" " Central.....	1847 April 1	George W. Field.....(3)	P.	1853 Aug. 7	1861 Dec. 9	107	216	323	40	1	2	3	2	6	0	8	0	0	475	300	455	75	0	300	150	1417	2308	10000
" " East.....	1878 Aug. 7	A. E. Armstrong.....(3)	Lie.	1880 Dec. 9	1880 Dec. 9	21	23	44	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0
Brewer, First.....	1800 Sept. 9	Clarence A. Beckwith.....(3)	P.	1878 Jan. 9	1878 Jan. 9	9	145	200	38	2	2	4	3	3	0	6	1	0	355	169	51	0	6	109	83	249	1552	0
" " Village.....	1843 Jan. 18	Clarence S. Sargent.....(4)	P.	1879 Oct. 1	1879 July 1	30	74	104	16	3	2	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	132	93	0	0	0	0	239	0	39	110
Burlington.....	1827 July 12	Vacant.....(4)	P.	1879 Sept. 3	1879 June 1	5	24	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	0
Dedham.....	1841 Dec. 13	Edward C. Crane.....(5)	A. P.	1879 Sept. 3	1879 June 1	22	34	56	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	90
Dorchester and Plymouth.....	1861 Sept. 10	Vacant.....(5)	A. P.	1879 Sept. 3	1879 June 1	4	5	9	2	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	1000
Hampden.....	1817 May 6	Charles D. Crane.....(5)	A. P.	1874 June 11	1881 Jan. 1	1	22	69	91	32	1	1	3	2	0	5	1	0	125	70	0	0	0	0	13	10	18	515
Holden.....	1828 Nov. 11	Edward C. Crane.....(6)	A. P.	1879 Sept. 3	1878 Apr. 1	1	24	47	69	8	2	1	3	2	0	2	1	0	130	50	0	0	0	0	8	0	18	515
Kendall.....	1824 Dec. 23	John W. Todd.....(6)	Lie.	1881 Apr. 1	1881 Apr. 1	24	27	51	32	1	2	4	1	0	0	6	0	0	70	11	0	0	0	0	8	0	18	515
Lincoln.....	1831 Aug. 3	Frank S. Newport.....(6)	Lie.	1880 Nov. 1	1880 Nov. 1	8	17	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	0
Oldtown.....	1824 Sept. 24	Henry A. Freeman.....(6)	P.	1880 Oct. 13	1880 Oct. 13	3	153	192	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	52	8	0	4	25	0	0	37	500	
Orono.....	1826 May 18	Alfred J. McGowan.....(7)	P.	1877 July 3	1877 July 3	3	102	135	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	152	42	10	0	0	4	0	0	37	500
Orrington, East.....	1834 June 12	Clarence S. Sargent.....(7)	P.	1879 Oct. 1	1879 July 1	1	88	53	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	77	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	800
Upper Sullivan.....	1850 Oct. 6	Alfred J. McGowan.....(7)	A. P.	1877 July 3	1877 June 1	1	13	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	77	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	800
Vezie.....	1838 June 19	Vacant.....(8)	A. P.	1877 July 3	1877 June 1	14	25	39	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0
Eighteen.....						610	1376	1986	442	29	23	46	134	40	5	76	12	1	2354	1314	831	136	34	1194	556	2143	4800	20608

(1) Dismissed by council May 5, 1881. (2) Supplied two months by Rev. Wm. Greenwood of Boston; one month by Rev. Edward C. Winslow of Conn.; ten weeks by Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, D. D. of Manchester, N. H.; and the remainder of the year by Professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor, and others. (3) Charles K. Andrews, Lie. and Arthur W. Main, portions of the time. (4) Supplied a part of the year by Arthur B. Armstrong, Lie. (5) Called to Waldoboro. (6) Supplied also at Milford, (7) Dismissed by council May 19, 1881. Called to Claremont, N. H. (8) Union Service.

# PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson.

CHURCHES.			MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 1, 1881.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.					Contributions. (Dollars.)																	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dissension.	Discipline.	Baptized—Infants.	Baptized—Adults.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Families, May, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.		
Abbot.....	1875 Nov. 23	James B. Hawes.....	A. P.	1875 Nov. 25	1880 July 1	12	17	29	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	
Atkinson.....	1842 Mar. 2	Vacant.....				1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanchard.....	1833 Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson.....	A. P.	1866 May 25	1877 Apr. 1	20	26	46	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	17	0	0	0	15	0	32	0	675	
Brownville.....	1819 Aug. 24	Charles L. Nichols.....	A. P.	1861 Nov. 7	1872 Feb. 20	57	115	172	40	3	0	0	0	3	4	0	6	1	2	125	100	27	5	0	0	0	23	117	25	207	0	675
Dexter.....	1834 Aug. 22	Frederic A. Wilson.....	Study	1881 June 1	1881 June 1	14	40	54	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	286
Foxcroft and Dover.....	1822 Dec. 20	Vacant.....				75	173	248	49	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland.....	1810 Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.....	A. P.	1848 Dec. 12	1848 Dec. 12	35	64	99	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenville.....	1869 Dec. 5	Charles Davidson.....	A. P.	1873 Oct. 21	1873 Oct. 21	15	31	46	11	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monson.....	1821 Aug. 11	James B. Hawes.....	A. P.	1875 Nov. 25	1880 Nov. 1	38	64	92	31	2	0	0	4	6	0	10	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sangerville.....	1828 Aug. 8	Vacant.....				2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ten.....						200	525	794	187	10	0	10	10	22	0	38	8	6	698	436	254	630	8	304	187	181	1564	3921				

(1) Supplied in part by Sidney A. Burnaby, Lic. and John L. Sewall, Lic. (2) Called Rev. D. A. Morehouse of Minniewita.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE, Reported by Augustus R. Bixby.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.						Ch. Members May 1, 1881.			Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Contributions. (Dollars.)																	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.			Females.			Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Sabbath School.	Families, May, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
						Instal.	Pres.	Uninst.	Instal.	Pres.	Uninst.																							Instal.
Anson.....	1804 Apr. 19	Vacant.....				13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	12		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	.....
Albion.....	1807 June 6	Vacant.....				11	23	34	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	...		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Bingham.....	1806 July 24	Richard M. Peacock..	A. P.	1879 June 23	1879 May 1	19	27	46	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	75		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	150
Madison.....	1826 Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell..	A. P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	31	43	74	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	30		12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	345
Madison, East.....	1838 Mar. 24	O. J. Hancock.....	A. P.	1879 .....	1879 .....	7	12	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	18		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	125
Merced.....	1822 Oct. 30	Frederic G. Chaffee..	Lic.	1878 .....	1878 Sept. 1	10	22	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	21		13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	
New Portland, North.....	1809 May 27	Richard M. Peacock..	A. P.	1879 June 23	1881 May 1	3	9	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Norridgewock.....	1707 Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D.D.	P.	1838 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	27	70	97	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	66		163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	375
Norwichegan, Island Ave.....	1800 Nov. 1	Vacant.....				62	131	213	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260	81		80	5	20	81	93	103	400	1640		
Polson.....	1842 Jan. 5	Richard M. Peacock..	A. P.	1879 June 23	1879 May 1	15	19	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	40		9	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	210	
Polson, South.....	1809 Sept. 30	Vacant.....				1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	...		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
St. Albans.....	1839 June 30	William S. Sewall.....	A. P.	1839 Sept. 25	1854 June 10	5	16	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	8		10	0	3	6	3	5	5	27	.....	
Twelve.....						204	424	628	107	0	0	0	12	9	0	0	27	0	0	0	935	473		236	5	23	173	126	117	680	3290			

(1) Supplied by Almon J. Backliff, &amp;c. from May, 1881.

# UNION CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Lewis Goodrich.

CHURCHES.										MINISTERS.										Ch. Members May 1, 1831.			Added dur'g yr.				Removed dur'g year.				Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.		Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	D Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 1, 1831.	Families, May 1, 1831.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Arm. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.									
Albany.....	1803 Sept. 15	Vacant.....(1)					16	33	49	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	150								
Bridgeon.....	1784 Aug. 26	Osgood W. Rogers.....	A.P.	1875 June 21 1878 Nov. 1			46	134	170	40	7	8	10	3	0	0	0	0	150	100	30	12	22	12	0	0	0	65	161	1300								
Bridgeon, North.....	1822 Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.....	A.P.	1872 May 13 1873 May 15			15	43	58	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	75	446								
Bridgeon, South.....	1826 Dec. 30	William B. Hague.....	P.	1862 Sept. 20 1865 Sept. 30			32	63	95	30	5	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	80	50	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	500								
Brownfield.....	1804 Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan.....	A.P.	1853 Dec. 17 1874 Mar. 20			18	39	46	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	400								
Casco.....	1804 Sept. 10	Isaac H. Libbey.....	A.P.	1878 May 17 1880 Aug. 8			6	7	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	300								
Denmark.....	1829 July 6	Vacant.....(2)					7	39	46	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100								
Fryeburg.....	1775 Aug. 21	Jayson K. Mason, D.D.....	A.P.	1840 Jan. 13 1877 Aug. 1			41	87	128	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	75	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	78	1400								
Harrison.....	1826 Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.....	P.	1872 May 13 1872 May 15			18	28	46	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	20	24	200							
Hiram.....	1826 Oct. 20	Vacant.....(3)					40	84	124	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	34	473								
Lowell.....	1708 Oct. 6	Lewis Goodrich.....	A.P.	1860 Jan. 1 1878 Dec. 20			2	14	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Naples.....	1808 Aug. 10	Vacant.....					6	22	28	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	250							
Otisfield.....	1797 Oct. 23	Isaac H. Libbey.....	A.P.	1878 May 17 1880 Aug. 8			18	37	55	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Stowe & (Chatham, N. H.).....	1801 Oct. 22	Vacant.....					12	19	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Sweden.....	1817 Nov. 4	Lewis Goodrich.....	A.P.	1860 Jan. 1 1878 Dec. 20			12	21	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Waterford.....	1779 Oct. 2	Jehiel S. Richards.....	A.P.	1877 June 23 1880 July 18			23	61	84	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	60	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	102	718							
Waterford, North.....	1805 June 20	Jehiel S. Richards.....	A.P.	1877 June 23 1880 July 18			19	42	61	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Seventeen.....							331	754	1085	237	16	11	27	22	24	5	51	15	1009	607	20	19	242	48	149	684					7180							

(1) Supplied in part by George W. Stearns, *Lic.*; and from June 1, 1881, by W. D. P. Bliss, *Lic.* (2) Supplied part of the year by W. G. Mann, *Lic.* and Charles W. Stearns, *Lic.*

(3) Rev. Zenas Crowell, Acting Pastor from June 5, 1881. (4) Supplied part of the year by N. Light, *Lic.*

# WALDO CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. John A. Ross.

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Belfast, First.....	1706 Dec. 20	John A. Ross.....	P.	1854 June 1	1873 Sept. 14	22	29	104	28	4	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	90	131	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Frederic E. Shaw.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		Ch. Members May 1, 1881.		Added during yr.		Removed during yr.		Contributions. (Dollars.)																		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Mission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Families, May, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Calais.....	1825 Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully.....	A.P.	1860 July 17	1876 Feb. 20	55	107	252	43	2	1	3	5	1	0	6	1	290	175	85	0	0	66	40	32	223	2000	
Cherryfield.....	1833 Oct. 20	Edgar M. Cousins.....	P.	1880 June 9	1880 June 9	16	27	43	1	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	75	50	25	0	0	39	10	0	74	570	
Coeper.....	1826 Feb. 22	Vacant.....				6	8	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dennysville.....	1805 Oct. 27	Charles Whittier.....	P.	1860 Nov. 13	1860 June 13	42	71	113	39	3	3	6	2	0	0	2	3	140	74	30	0	0	19	5	0	167	725	
Eastport.....	1819 Feb. 7	George W. Kelly.....	A.P.	1872 Dec. 28	1877 Apr. 16	18	27	45	21	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	60	30	21	0	0	19	5	0	25	0	
Jonesport, Central.....	1877 Sept. 12	Vacant.....				13	27	40	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	32	43	0	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	
Machias, Union Cong'l.....	1782 Sept. 12	Daniel Greene.....	A.P.	1879 Dec. 18	1879 Oct. 11	99	169	268	43	1	1	2	3	0	0	5	0	410	130	82	0	3	72	42	0	109	58	
Machias, Center Street.....	1826 June 8	Frederic E. Shaw.....	A.P.	1878 June 13	1878 June 13	11	61	72	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	109	75	92	0	0	30	6	0	16	800	
Machiasport.....	1831 Jan. 25	Daniel Greene.....	A.P.	1879 Dec. 18	1881 Jan. 9	26	34	60	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	75	22	0	0	16	0	0	164	0	
Marshfield.....	1871 Sept. 14	Vacant.....				17	31	48	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Milltown, (N. B.).....	1849 Oct. 21	Edgar F. Davis.....	A.P.	1878 Aug. 8	1879 Nov. 1	37	94	131	16	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	123	68	135	0	0	25	0	0	160	2930	
Northfield.....	1836 Sept. 15	Vacant.....				16	18	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	424	
Pembroke.....	1835 Sept. 30	John B. Carruthers.....	Lic.	1880 July 4	1880 July 4	14	54	68	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30	30	0	0	39	0	0	39	40	
Perry.....	1822 Oct. 7	John B. Carruthers.....	P.	1880 July 4	1880 July 4	32	44	76	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	40	10	0	0	15	0	0	25	0	
Princeton.....	1858 Dec. 2	George E. Chaplin.....	A.P.	1879 Aug. 20	1881 Apr. 3	23	54	77	14	0	0	0	1	3	1	5	0	56	50	10	0	0	15	0	0	0	80	0
Robbinston.....	1811 Nov. 6	Vacant.....				4	11	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Topsfield.....	1801 Nov. 6	Vacant.....				6	22	28	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	60	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	
Whiting.....	1833 Nov. 9	Vacant.....				20	35	55	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Whitneyville.....	1836 Dec. 7	Vacant.....				421	1008	1429	278	15	5	20	19	13	1	33	11	7	1066	1032	380	0	3	371	103	41	1045	8313
Nineteen																												

(1) Supplied part of the year by O. G. McIntyre, *Lic.*, who also supplied Jonesboro. (2) Part of the year by Wilbur Rand, *Lic.* (3) Supplied parts of the year by J. E. Tuttle, *Lic.* and Charles L. Skinner, *Lic.* (4) Supplied part of the year by Frederic T. McLeod, *Lic.* and Francis L. Williston, *Lic.* (5) Supplied part of the year by W. H. Forbes, *Lic.* (6) Supplied part of the year by Robert W. Jamieson, *Lic.* and David T. Williams, *Lic.* (7) In part by Wilbur Rand, *Lic.*—For more recent report, see record of Washington County, p. 91.





*SUMMARY for the year ending May 1, 1881.—General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.*

Name.	CONFERENCES.		MINISTERS.		CHURCHES.		Church Members May, 1, 1881.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.		Gain or Loss.		Families, May, 1881.		Foreign Missions.		College and Education.		Home Missions.		Other Objects.		Total Amount.		Home Expenditures.										
	Date of Organization.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentiate.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May, 1881.	Families, May, 1881.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.				
Aroostook.....	1846	3	3	3	9	7	1	2	4	1	3	10	140	249	389	60	9	11	20	1	4	2	7	13	0	7	0	843	287	15	0	15	0	130	2655		
Cumberland.....	1822	15	4	8	27	0	15	5	0	2	22	960	2311	3271	591	107	62	169	45	75	3	123	46	0	62	37	3334	2576	2669	196	176	2665	959	10214	17210	39994	
Cumberland North.....	1878	8	12	6	26	0	15	5	0	2	21	866	1805	2671	638	37	61	59	30	0	89	0	89	0	1	28	35	2163	1865	1650	146	228	1205	432	752	4378	24569
Franklin.....	1839	2	4	4	10	0	3	5	0	2	10	261	493	754	171	9	11	20	11	12	0	23	0	3	6	1	735	397	70	11	31	142	29	110	393	5781	
Hancock.....	1825	3	5	4	12	1	3	6	1	4	14	297	790	1087	177	13	5	18	15	1	34	0	34	0	16	7	1385	666	314	10	0	376	78	190	969	6402	
Kennebec.....	1823	3	6	5	14	2	3	5	4	14	378	951	1326	346	41	30	71	27	26	0	53	18	0	12	7	1731	1016	858	26	10	964	229	378	2480	12870		
Lincoln & Sagadahoc.....	1826	6	8	3	17	0	6	11	0	5	22	532	1456	1988	405	45	12	57	38	17	2	57	0	0	38	4	1493	1316	1325	61	6	1293	171	455	3301	20020	
Oxford.....	1824	3	4	1	8	1	4	5	1	5	15	266	587	853	185	22	8	30	17	2	36	0	36	0	15	3	1007	463	141	0	25	168	78	135	661	3941	
Penobscot.....	1825	6	9	17	3	1	4	5	1	18	610	1376	1986	442	23	23	46	34	40	2	76	0	76	0	30	12	1	2554	1314	831	136	34	1194	556	2145	4890	20809
Piscataquis.....	1842	2	3	0	5	1	2	1	3	10	269	525	794	187	10	0	10	16	22	0	38	0	38	0	28	6	698	435	254	8	304	187	181	1564	3621		
Somerset.....	1823	1	4	0	5	1	1	6	1	4	12	204	424	628	167	0	0	12	9	6	27	0	27	0	24	15	1	1069	697	206	20	19	242	48	149	684	7180
Union.....	1836	2	3	1	6	1	3	3	1	11	269	577	786	165	11	2	13	13	4	1	18	0	18	0	5	7	775	589	185	25	27	346	22	80	675	5865	
Waldo.....	1848	2	3	8	13	0	3	3	1	13	19	421	1038	1459	278	15	5	30	19	3	33	0	33	0	13	11	1	1696	1032	380	0	3	371	103	41	1045	8313
Washington.....	1829	2	6	0	8	1	2	1	2	8	19	421	1038	1459	278	15	5	30	19	3	33	0	33	0	13	11	1	1696	1032	380	0	3	371	103	41	1045	8313
York.....	1822	5	13	5	23	0	5	11	0	6	28	639	919	2258	507	37	7	44	58	13	3	94	0	94	0	50	28	4	2040	1375	933	290	425	2341	20863		
Fifteen		63	82	51	196	12	67	103	13	60	243	6283	14655	21338	4576	595	228	633	360	341	28	759	77	203	256	111	22258	14232	10014	1267	547	10465	3303	16078	41296	183172	

PASTORS INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1881, Ave: ordained and installed, three; ordained without installation, three; daimsees, eleven.

CHURCHES.—With Pastors, 67; with Acting Pastors, 103; supplied by Licentiatees, 13; vacant, 60; total, 243.

MINISTERS.—Pastors, 63; Acting Pastors, 82; others, 51. Total, 196.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—Males, 6385; females, 14,955; total, 21,338, including 4576 absent.

ADDITIONS.—By profession, 395; by letter, 238. Total, 633.

REMOVALS.—By death, 390; by dismission, 341; by discipline, 26. Total, 759.

GAIN IN THREE CONFERENCES, 77; loss in eleven Conferences, 238;—net loss, 126.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 236; Infants, 111.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—22,238. Gain, 766.

FAMILIES.—Reported connected with the Congregation of 208 Churches, 14,922. Gain in Numbers reported, 837.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Foreign Missions, \$10,014; Home Missions, \$10,465; American Missionary Association, \$3393; College and Educational Society, \$1297; American Congregational Union, \$47; Congregational Publishing Society, \$53—viz: from Brunswick, \$10; Skowhegan, \$9; Thomaston, \$13; Wiscasset, \$10; Woolwich, \$11;

Other objects, \$16,078. Total, \$1,206; gain, \$779.

HOME EXPENDITURES.—Reported by 140 churches, \$183,172.

ORGANIZATION.—Fifteen Conferences of Churches, united in a General Conference.

# COUNTY CONFERENCES.

## AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual meeting third Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Caribou, Sept. 4, 5, 1880. Sermons by Revs. John B. Wheelwright, of Fort Fairfield, John 3: 11. —“We speak that we do know,” etc.; Wm. A. Merrill, of Sherman, John 6: 44 —“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him” etc.; Zenas Crowell, of Houlton, Phillippians 2: 9. —“A name above every name”; and Woodbury S. Kimball, Luke 17: 32. —“Remember Lot’s wife.” Subjects discussed.—How shall attendance at church be increased; how shall we secure a good observance of the Sabbath. Prayer-meetings were led by Revs. Wheelwright, Crowell, and Merrill, and Bro. Wilkins, of Maysville. The Lord’s Supper was administered. The attendance was good at all the Sessions. Sixteen were present who travelled from South Aroostook, nearly one hundred miles. Fort Fairfield’s church debt was reported paid.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Presque Isle, June 4, 5, 1881. Charles F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon.—Rev. Richard S. Whidden, of Caribou, Gen. 49: 4.—“Unstable as water—thou shalt not excel.”—Sabbath A. M.—Sermon by Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Presque Isle, Joshua 3: 5—“Sanctify yourselves;” followed by Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. Evening.—Sermon by Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Fort Fairfield, 2 Cor. 5: 7. Theme.—Faith. Topics for remark.—Motives to Christian character, 1, from within; 2, from without; 3, from God. Saturday evening, there were beautiful temperance exercises by the Juvenile Temperance Union, with short addresses. Sabbath morning,—a prayer-meeting, led by E. E. Parkhurst, of Maysville. Afternoon,—A Bible service, and Sabbath School service. Topic.—Keeping the Sabbath, conducted by Rev. W. S. Kimball.

A Council convened at Patten, April 14, 1881. Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball of Presque Isle, *Moderator*; Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton, *Scribe*, advised that the relation of Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, as the acting-pastor of the church in Patten and Island Falls be dissolved.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, who has been at Houlton, acting pastor, from March 1876, and Pastor from Dec. 19, 1877, preached his farewell sermon, May 29, 1881. Having accepted a call to the churches of Cornish and Hiram, he commenced his labors with them June 5th. The “Aroostook Times,” of June 2, closes a complimentary notice of Mr. C—, with the sentence,—“He carries with him the good will and esteem of our citizens, who wish him success and prosperity in his new field of labor.”

Rev. WOODBURY STORER KIMBALL, (Amherst 1863, Bangor 1867.) accepted a call to Presque Isle, Oct. 1880. He supplies also at Maysville.

ISAAC C. BUMPUS, *Licentiate*, takes the place of Rev. William A. Merrill, at Sherman. He has supplied at Golden Ridge, and Silver Ridge, on Sabbath afternoons Feb. 1881. Mr. M. goes to Lyman.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Fort Fairfield, supplies at Steven's Mills. Sabbath afternoons, Feb. 1881.—Mr. W. goes to Phillips, June 1881.—Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, spends a month in the Aroostook region. (June 1881.) making Fort Fairfield his head quarters.

The church at Island Falls, received in January. Books for their Sabbath School Library, from Chelsea, Mass., and other places.

The week of prayer was observed in Patten, by a Union Meeting of the Congregational, Methodist, and Baptist denominations.

The people of Van Buren desire to have a Congregational service, and propose to build a Chapel and pay half the expense of a minister. Mr. Albert H. Pennell is now supplying them, May 1881.

A Union meeting-house is building at La Grange, Oct. 1880.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Caribou, Henry W. Allan; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. George B. Page; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Laroy Miles; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Leonard H. Caldwell.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Caribou, Samuel Taylor; (Carroll and Springfield,) (Fort Fairfield,) Houlton, Edward R. Hanscomb; Island Falls, Alpheus Craig; (Lee,) Passadumkeag, (Union) O. O. Stewart; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, W. C. Hamilton; Sherman, Leonard H. Caldwell.

Rev. R. S. Whidden, of Caribou, *Scribe, Reporter, and Treasurer of Conference.*

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the St. Lawrence Street ch. Portland, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston church, Portland, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Charles A. Dickinson of Second church, Portland, 2 Cor. 6:1—"Workers together with him." Conference Sermon, by Rev. Edward Y. Hinks, of State St. Church, Portland, Matt. 26:40.—"Could ye not watch with me one hour?" Topics for remark,—what are the best methods of church work for reaching non-church goers; what are the obligations of church members, to the ordinances and services of the church; how to secure a genuine revival; what is our true attitude toward the popular unbelief; the relation of the church, to the temperance reform. Prayer-meetings were led by Dea. Richard Abbot, and Rev. E. S. Tead. A praise-meeting the first hour of the second day, was conducted by Samuel Thurston. Verbal reports from the several churches were made, and were generally favorable. A collation was prepared in the vestry, on Tuesday evening. A plea was made for a more general and continuous attendance upon the meetings of Conference. The closing service on Wednesday afternoon, was the administration of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

An article was published in the Chr. Mirror of Nov. 13, in reference to the discussion at this meeting on revivals.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Standish, June 7, 8, 1881. Prentiss Loring, of Portland, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D. of Plymouth church, Portland, Matt. 26:24 and John 5:35.—Is life worth living; Contrast of the life of John and of Judas. Conference Sermon, Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, Ps. 42:1,2.—"As the hart panteth," etc. Topics for discussion.—A living church, the manifestation of God's glory; how to put life in a prayer-meeting; the pastor's part in the Sabbath School; the Sunday School Teacher's need of being taught; the revised New Testament, and its relation to Sunday School work; the true ideal of a

Christian family; the dangers that assail the family from prevailing forms of social evil,—divorce, intemperance, bad reading, etc. Report of the churches by Rev. E. S. Tead. Gain in membership, 32 over last year. Gain in benevolent contributions. Prayer and praise-meetings were interspersed through the session. The presence and aid of the organist and choir, added much to the interest and effectiveness of the services. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., and John F. Morgan, of Portland.

Rev. SAMUEL WINCHESTER ADRIANCE, (Dartmouth, 1873, Andover 1874-6, Princeton 1877.) installed Pastor of Cong'l. Ch., Woodford's Corner, Deering, October 21, 1880. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland High St. Ch. *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Charles A. Dickinson of Second Ch., Portland, *Scribe*. Council met at 3 P. M. Public service in the evening. Invocation by the scribe; reading of Scripture, Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills; singing Hymn, 1127, Church Hymn Book, "We bid thee welcome." (*Hebron*;) Sermon Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston Ch. Portland, Deu. 31:11-13. The mutual relations of the Pulpit and Pews; installing prayer, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel Ch. Portland; charge to pastor, by the Moderator; charge to the people, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, of Plymouth Ch. Portland; Hymn 1129, "The solemn service now is done." (*Hamburg*;) benediction by the pastor.

This church and Parish had given a reception to the pastor-elect, on Thursday evening, Oct. 7.—The ladies provided a free supper.

By the same Council, Rev. William A. Bosworth, who had been Pastor of this church from Nov. 10, 1875, was dismissed. Mr. B. supplied afterwards for a time, the church in Atchison, Kansas.

Rev. EDWARD EVERETT BACON, (Hamilton 1869-71, Andover 1877.) installed Pastor of the Second Church, Westbrook, (Sacarappa) January 12, 1881. Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D. of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. S. Winchester Adriance of Deering, Woodford's Corner, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading of the Scripture by the scribe; sermon, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of High Street church, Portland I Cor. 12:31—"Covet earnestly the best gifts;" installing prayer, Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk; charge to pastor, Rev. Edward C. Ingalls, of Kinderhook, N. York; right hand, Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Warren church Westbrook; charge to people, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston church, Portland; benediction by the Pastor.

Rev. DWIGHT M. SEWARD, D. D. (Yale C. 1831, Yale Sem. 1835.) installed Pastor of Plymouth church, Portland, June 22, 1881. Rev. William H. Fenn of High Street church, Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, *Scribe*. Met in the afternoon.—Service of Installation in the evening.—Introductory Service by Revs. Frank E. Clark, and Charles A. Dickinson, of Portland; Hymn; Sermon by Rev. John S. Sewall D. D. of Bangor Seminary. Acts 3:6. Theme,—Human degradation, and the remedy; upon which the State, Society, and Christianity are at work; installing prayer, Rev. E. A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth; charge to the pastor, Rev. John Carruthers, D. D. of Portland; charge to the people, by the moderator; right hand of fellowship Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D.; Hymn; Prayer; benediction by the Pastor.

Rev. HENRY B. MEAD, Pastor of the First church, Westbrook, (Sacarappa) from Feby. 10, 1875, dismissed June 30, 1880. Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. F. E. Clark, of Portland, *Scribe*. Record, Ch. Mirror, July 3. Mr. M. acting-pastor, Second church, Stonington Conn.

Rev. HERBERT W. LATHE, Pastor of the Plymouth church, Portland, from Sept. 27, 1877, dismissed, Dec. 20, 1880. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland *Moderator* of Council; Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, of Deering, *Scribe*. Record, Ch. Mirror, Dec. 25. Mr. L. and wife arranged to spend the summer in Europe.

Rev. EDWARD Y. HINKS, resigned May 1, the pastorate of State St. Ch. Portland held from Oct. 18, 1870: the church requested him to withdraw it,—but he declined. He was dismissed May 26, 1881. Rev. John J. Carruthers of Portland, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth. *Scribe*. Record, Portland Press, May 27. Res. Andover, Mass.

WILLISTON CHURCH EDIFICE, which was opened for public worship, Sep. 1, 1878, (*Minutes* 1879, p. 65.) to be formally dedicated when free from debt, was on the 8th of February 1881, consecrated by appropriate services. Anthem by the choir; invocation, Rev. C. L. Woodworth, of Boston; reading the Scriptures; hymn; Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Frank E. Clark, I Cor. 3:11. "Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ;" delivery of the deeds of the church to the Treasurer, Chs. H. Payson, by Dea. John H. True, chairman of the building committee; dedicatory prayer, Rev. Edward Y. Hinks, of State St. Church, Portland; addresses by Revs. Wm. H. Fenn, of High St. Church, and Charles A. Dickinson, of the Payson Memorial Church, Portland, and by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., Editor of the *Christian Mirror*; vesper anthem by the choir; benediction. Record in Portland Press, Feb. 7. and Ch. Mirror, Feb. 12.

The church edifice at East Baldwin was badly damaged by lightning, Friday evening, July 16, 1880.

The debt incurred in building the church edifice of the Payson Memorial church, has been paid. The bonds used in raising it, were burned, at a meeting of the church and society held for thanksgiving and praise.

A new parsonage for Warren church, Cumberland Mills this year.

Rev. Henry M. Vaill, resident at Cape Elizabeth, has regained his health, and returned to Staffordville, Conn.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State St. Ch., returned from Europe Sept. 18, 1880, in the "City of Berlin," in which he left April 4, 1880, and re-commenced his labors Oct. 3. Rev. William E. Merriman, D. D. who supplied during his absence, closed his labors Sept. 26. P. Press Sept. 27.

Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Pastor of Payson Memorial Church, Portland, preached his first anniversary sermon Sept. 26, (P. Press Sept. 27) Mr. D. delivered the annual address before the Portland Benevolent Society, in the First Church Dec. 19.

Rev. John J. Carruthers D. D. former pastor, had a reception April 28, 1880. Addresses by Pastor Dickinson, Revs. E. Y. Hincks and William H. Fenn. Dr. C. preached in the Second Church Dec. 12, with the vigor and ability of former days.

Rev. Luther Wiswall who has been Pastor at Windham, twenty-seven years, preached a discourse on his 80th birthday, January 9, 1880. The preacher reviewed his own life briefly, and the history of the country within his recollection,—religious, social and political. He is yet very vigorous, and his people see no failure of his mental powers.

The church at West Falmouth, (2d Ch.) observed its fiftieth anniversary Sept. 15 1880. Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, delivered a discourse commemorate of Robert Raikes, and his Sabbath School work,—and on the 19th, the acting-pastor, Rev. William H. Haskell, gave an historical discourse. The pastors have been, Joseph B. Stevens, 1834—40, died in Georgia, in 1860; John Gurnison, 1842—45, died in Rochester, N. Y. 1861; John Wilde, 1845—52, died in Alexandria, Va. 1867; Royal Parkinson, 1855—57, now in Washington; Isaac Carlton, Samuel S. Drake, Joseph Loring, Edward Chase, Thomas S. Robie, Edward C. Miles, have been acting-pastors from one to three years. Rev. W. H. Haskell, has been with them since 1860.

The First Church, Cape Elizabeth, purposes to observe its 150th anniversary Nov. 10, 1884, and S. P. Mayberry, Cape Elizabeth, desires any items relating to this church, to be sent to him, for use on that occasion.

The Portland Congregational Club, have had monthly meetings from Sept '80 to June '81. Among the papers read, and discussions held—were Divorce, Temperance and the Prohibitory law; the Lord's Day, and public worship Education in the South and West; High and Public Schools; the New Revision material prosperity and intellectual culture, no guarantee for moral and religious excellence; Diamonds; Railroads. In Oct. Rev. E. Y. Hincks, gave an account of English Cathedrals, and some of the experiences of his recent foreign tour. In June, the President, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, read a paper on the Ministry of the past and the present, at a reception given to Ministers and Delegates of the General Conference of Maine, in June 1881. (See page 29.)

NECROLOGY.—Edward W. Baker, Portland, Aug. 1, 1880, æt 84. Ob. Ch. Mir. Aug. 14.—Ralph W. Cummings, San Francisco, Cal. Aug. 17, æt 48: a son of the late Rev. Asa Cummings, D. D. former Editor of the C. Mirror.—George D. Smith, Cambridge, Mass. Dec. 20, æt 46. Ob. Ch. Mir. Aug. 21.—Frederic C. Ferris, Rockland, Mass. æt 17, son of Rev. L. Z. Ferris, former pastor in Gorham.—Captain Nathaniel E. Merrill, Falmouth, Dec. 23. Forty years a member of the First Church, living a consistent christian life.—Hon. John B. Brown, Portland, Jany. 10, 1881, æt 75. He inaugurated or aided many important enterprises in the city, and was a liberal benefactor to benevolent objects, Ch. M. January, 15.—Mrs. Georgiana J., wife of Capt. McLauren F. Pickering, and daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Jameson, former pastor at Scarborough, Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 18, æt 53.—Mrs. Jane Stanley, wife of Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D. Editor of the Mirror in Portland. Feby. 26, æt 69. In memoriam, Ch. Mirror, Mch. 5. April 16. Congregationalist Mch. 9.—Walter Wells, Portland, Apr. 20, æt 50, a grandson of Rev. Gardiner Kellogg, former pastor in Windham.—Nahum A. Herson M. D. (of Portland,) in Dublin, Ireland May 1 a skillful, christian, and beloved physician. P. Press, May 3, 16, and Mirror.—Mrs. Catharine, wife of Rev. Luther Wiswall, Windham, June 24, æt 67.

The Annual meeting of the Portland Seaman's Friend Society, was reported in the Ch. Mirror Jany. 1, 1881. The expenses of the Bethel have been paid and the reading-room sustained; twelve Libraries and 700 packages have been put on board vessels in port.

A report of the Maine Deaf Mute Mission, and of the Convention of Deaf Mutes, at Portland, Jany. 1, 2, 1881, has been published. It contains also the salutation of the Deaf Mute Missionary, Rev. Samuel Rowe, who has held 8½ services during the year in six districts of the State, and made many calls upon families and individuals. A sermon by George B. Kenniston, to the deaf and dumb, is included: and the constitution and members of the Mission.

Annual meeting of the Maine Bible Society, June 5, 1881. Ch. Mir. June 11.

Meetings in behalf of the Poncas, were held in Portland, in Dec., and a committee appointed to further their interests.—Father Gavazzi delivered two lectures in Portland, June 1881.

A meeting of the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Board, of Portland and neighborhood, was held in the State St. Chapel, Portland, Nov. 4. Reported in Ch. Mir. Nov. 20.—Miss Agnes Lord of Portland, is soon to be on her way to Turkey, to be connected with the Constantinople Home.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Portland, have during the year secured a Secretary and Agent, Mr. Henry P. Winter, and through him and other sources, have enlarged and given more efficiency to various agencies to promote the objects of the Association. Meetings, Preaching services, Lectures, Concerts, Readings, Receptions, etc., have been sustained.

Sidney M. Thaxter, Portland, has given \$4,000 to the Maine General Hospital in memory of his wife, which furnishes a perpetual free bed,—also \$250 in his own name, for a free bed on year.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Baldwin, Mrs. E. S. Richardson; Cape Elizabeth, First church, Mrs. E. F. Flint; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonla church, David W. Lewis, care, Ligonla Iron Co., Portland; Deering, First church, Dea. Hiram H. Dow, 35, Oak St., Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Dea. Wm. E. Gould; Falmouth First, Alfred Merrill; Falmouth Second, Henry L. Waite; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Portland, second church, John W. D. Carter; High Street church, Richard Abbot; Fourth church, Elbridge P. Talbot; Bethel church, Rev. F. Southworth; State street church, Edward P. Oxnard; St. Lawrence St. church, John H. Gerrish; West Congregational church, Adriana M. Carlton; Plymouth church, George F. Jenkins; Williston church, Franklin Agge; Scarboro, Rev. H. G. Storer; Standish, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; Westbrook, Second Church, Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Sacarrappa; Westbrook, Warren church, Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Baldwin, Mrs. A. J. Ricker; Cape Elizabeth, First Ch. Rev. Edwin A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Ligonla, William Thomas; (Deering First Ch.) Deering, Woodford's Corner, Dea. William E. Gould; Falmouth, First Ch. Rev. Arthur N. Ward; Falmouth, Second Ch. Henry J. Merrill; Gorham, John A. Hinkley; Portland, Second Ch. R. W. Turner; High St. Church, W. M. Marks; Abyssynian 4th Ch. Alfred F. Clark; Bethel Ch. John M. Gould; State St. Ch. A. G. Dewey; St. Lawrence Street Ch. A. E. Snowman; West Ch. Rev. John F. Morgan; Plymouth Ch., Charles S. D. Griffin jr.; Williston Ch., J. Frost Jeffers; Scarboro, Simon Libbey; Standish, Rev. John P. Trowbridge; Westbrook, Sacarrappa, Dea. Harlan P. Murch; Westbrook, Warren Ch. Hezekiah Elwell; Windham, Joseph W. Dougherty.

Rev. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Henry S. Huntington of Gorham, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next meeting with First Ch. Cape Elizabeth, Oct. 18-19, 1881.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, organized in Westbrook, May, 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November 1879, *Members*, -Minutes p. 90. Rev. John P. Trowbridge, *Scribe*.

## CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Formed in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

The Semi-Annual Meeting, was held with the Sixth St. Church, Auburn, Oct. 19-20 1880—Rev. Lauriston Reynolds of Auburn, *Moderator*. Rev. F. W. Sanborn of Yarmouth, *Scribe*. Topics for discussion,—The best methods of reaching non-church goers; how shall we deepen the religious life of the people; Woman's Mission Societies,—home and foreign; how can we increase the interest of our young people in the services and work of the church. Conference Sermon, Rev. Wm. P. Fisher, of Brunswick, Titus 3:5-8 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us," etc. Favorable reports were given from most of the churches. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. E. Bean, of Gray, and F. E. Emrich, of Mechanic Falls.

A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, was held with the Church in Durham, Feb. 15, 16, 1881. Rev. L. Reynolds, *Moderator*. A portion of the time, Rev. J. S. Cogswell of West Auburn, *Moderator pro tem*. Revs. P. B. Wing of Freeport, and H. H. Osgood of North Yarmouth were scribes pro tem. Opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Horatio Hsley

of South Freeport. Opening Sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman of Lewiston Romans 2:4. Theme.—The goodness of God intended to lead men to repentance. Conference Sermon, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Kennebec Conference, Math. 24:13. "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved," followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper, by him, and Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner. Rev. Horatio Hsley, of South Freeport, led a prayer-meeting, Tuesday A. M., and Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of North Yarmouth, on Wednesday.—Dea. Ralph Haskell, led a Praise meeting Tuesday eve, aided by a large and excellent choir.—Verbal reports were given from the churches.—Rev. A. Redlon, referred to the Hallowell Classical School, and Rev. H. Hsley to the Am. Bd. C. F. M. Topics for discussion.—Regeneration; how can we best increase the interest of our young people in the Sunday School work? the Christian life; its Hope and Reward; the Christian church,—what it is, why people should unite with it, and the work of the churches. "The meetings were fully attended and of much interest."

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING with the church in North Yarmouth, June 7—8, 1881. Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, *Moderator*. Conference Sermon, Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Sixth Ch. Auburn, Lev. 8:23. Christian consecration as the essential requisite in our churches. Sermon, Wednesday P. M. Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner, Col. 2:10. The believer's completeness in Christ, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. Topics for remark—The duty and privilege of the church; 1. as to purity, and activity of life; 2. to persons not professors of religion; 3. toward the moral questions of the day,—divorce, temperance, slander, honesty, etc.; the Sabbath.—its proper observance and modern methods of violating it; systematic benevolence; the Sabbath School,—the responsibility of all church members, and parents towards it; christians among children and youth,—why are these so few? helps and hindrances to christian living, peculiar to the young. Prayer, Praise, and Hope meetings, were held during the session. Report of the Churches by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland.

- Rev. Frederic E. Emrich, of Mechanic Falls supplies also the church at Poland, from June 1, 1877.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the First Church, Yarmouth, was observed Nov. 18 1880. At 10:30 A. M. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. F. W. Sanborn of the Central Ch. Yarmouth, and Rev. E. K. Alden D. D. a Historical Discourse was delivered by the Pastor, Rev. Joseph Torrey D. D. Text,—Deut. 8:2 "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee," etc. 2 P. M. There were addresses by Rev. Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D. of Brunswick, and by two former Pastors Rev. George A. Putman of Millbury, Mass., and Rev. Edmund K. Alden, Secty. of the Am Bd. C. F. M., each giving touching reminiscences of the past. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Putman. In the evening, after devotional exercises led by Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, of Yarmouth, who read the Scriptures, and by Professor Packard who offered prayer, the Pastor read letters from Francis Gilman, of Boston, and President Brown, of Hamilton College, sons of former Pastors; also from Rev. David Shepley D. D. of Providence R. I., and Rev. L. Bartlett, former pastors; Howard R. Shepley, and a telegram from Rev. Charles A. Aiken, a former pastor. Addresses were made by Rev. Ephraim C. Cummings, a nephew of Rev. Asa Cummings, and Rev. Herbert A. Loring, grandson of Rev. Nicholas Loring, each former pastors; Rev. Trueman S. Perry of Cumberland, and Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Central Ch. Yarmouth, representing the Colonies of this church,—the churches in Freeport, Pownall North Yarmouth, and Central Ch. Yarmouth, each of whom joined in this commemoration. The Pastor Rev. Dr. Torrey, made the closing address. The Congregational singing throughout all the sessions were conducted by Dr. A. H. Burbank; and representatives of different choirs. Miss Burbank presided at the organ.



One of the interesting events of the day was the Baptism in the afternoon, of a little child. Jacob Mellen Loring—a great, great grandson of Rev. Nicholas Loring. Rev. Dr. Torrey administered the rite.

The old church Bible, 1727 the first Record Book of the Society, a likeness of Rev. Tristram Gilman, and one of his sermons, were among the relics that interested the visitors.

At the rear of the church were the names of the former pastors, Cutler, Loring, Brooks, Gilman, Brown, Curtis, Woodbury, Cummings, Shepley, Alden, Aiken, Putman, Bartlett, and Torrey. On either side of the organ, were the figures 1730 and 1880, wrought in evergreen, and plants and flowers surrounding the pulpit. Reported P. Press, Nov. 25, and Ch. Mirror Nov. 27.

The Fifth anniversary of the Sixth St. Church, Auburn, was held Sept. 12, 1880. Addresses by the Pastor, and Revs. G. S. Dickerman, and A. P. Tinker. At its organization 22 members—now 78,—forty-nine having been added on profession of faith.

Rev. George W. Wilder, Missionary from Africa, delivered an Address at Auburn, Sept. 19, Rev. George Constantine from Greece delivered an address in Lewiston, Oct. 17. A. M., and Mrs. Constantine addressed a Woman's Missionary Meeting, P. M.—Rev. Wm. R. Stocking, Missionary from Persia, gave a lecture in Auburn, Nov. 9, on Persia and the Orient.

On Memorial day addresses were made by Rev. E. Bean, at Gray, Rev. G. A. Dickerman at Lewiston, and Rev. A. P. Tinker, at Auburn.

Rev. A. P. Tinker, Auburn, was welcomed home Aug. 31, 1880, after a two months absence in England, Scotland, and Wales.—He gave some impressions of his tour, Sept. 5. Reported Lewiston Journal, Sept. 6, Ch. Mirror, Sept. 11.—Rev. G. S. Dickerman, Lewiston, gave a report of the National Council at St. Louis, and of his visit to the far West, Dec. 28.

Rev. David Shepley D. D. Pastor in Yarmouth, First Ch. 1829—'49, preached a discourse in Dr. Behrend's Church, Providence R. I. January 1881, and has taken part during the year in the meetings of Ministerial Associations in R. I.

Rev. Nathaniel F. Carter, of Quechee Vt., (at North Yarmouth, 1867—'69) is preparing biographical sketches of the ministers born in New Hampshire, many of whom have been, and are now in Maine. They are published in the N. H. Statesman, Concord, commencing Jany. 1, 1881.

Rev. John G. Leavitt, at New Gloucester, 1875—'79, was installed Pastor, Webster, Mass. May 4, 1881.

The Androscoggin Sabbath School Convention, was held in Pine St. Church Lewiston, Sept. 29, 1880. Addresses by Rev. A. P. Tinker on the mutual relation of the church and the Sabbath School, and by Rev. G. S. Dickerman, on the teacher required for the younger classes.

State Sabbath School Convention at Brunswick, Oct. 26—28, welcomed by President J. L. Chamberlain, response by Hon. G. C. Goss of Bath, President of the Convention. Addresses by Rev. W. Woodbury of Skowhegan on our New England Chataqua; by Rev. B. P. Snow, of Alfred, on organized effort; by Rev. Dr. Meredith, supplying State St. Ch. Portland, and Revs. S. L. B. Speare, and J. E. Adams, of Bangor. Reported in the Ch. Mirror Nov. 6.

NECROLOGY. Dea. Ralph Johnson, died in Harpswell, June, 1, 1880, æt 80—Mrs. Content (Percy) Johnson, Apr. 25, 1880, æt 81—Ob. R. B. H. Ch. Mirror June 19.—Nathaniel Dunning in Durham, July 22, 1880, æt 83.—A loyal citizen, devoted christian, a strong supporter of the temperance and other reforms. Funeral discourse by Rev. R. Wickett, Ps. 38-7. Ob. Lewiston Journal, Sep. 3.—Dea. Daniel Sweetser in Yarmouth, Sep. 11, 1880, æt 80.—Dr. and Ex-Mayor Edmund Russell, in Lewiston, Dec. 2, æt 56, Ob. Lewiston Journal.—James Sullivan Hale, the father of Eugene Hale, in Turner, Dec. 17 æt 74, one of

the founders of the church in Turner,—an active, devoted, and consistent christian,—of an unusual strength of mind and character. Funeral sermon Rev. E. S. Tingley, Ps. 46: 1, God is our refuge,—Mrs. Anna S. Brown Auburn, Jan'y. 24 1881. A lady of culture, and of staunch christian character. Ob. E. H. S. Ch. Mirror Jan'y. 29.—Dea. John Morgan, in New Gloucester 28. æt 92. Father of Rev. John H. Morgan, Portland. Ob. F. D. K. Ch. Mch. 12.—Luther Whitman, in Turner, March 22 æt 84. He lived on the where he died 80 years. A member of the church 50 years.—Mrs. Elizabeth (ley) McKeen, in Brunswick March 3, æt 71, widow of Joseph McKeen, years Treasurer of Bowdoin College. In memoriam, by Rev. E. H. Bylin Ch. Mir. Apr. 16—Col. Samuel True in New Gloucester June 1, æt 81—Tristram Gilman Mitchell, in Yarmouth, May 22, æt 69, Ob. Ch. M. J.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn. W. A. Robinson; Auburn Henry M. Packard; Auburn. Sixth street, church, Horatio B. Pulsifer; berland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Brunswick, John Furbish; Durham, Har Osgood; Freeport, J. P. Merrill; Freeport South, Rev. Horatio Halsey; ham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. F. Lewiston, Pine street church, Fred B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, C. F. Ste Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw, Auburn P. O.; Hebron and West Minot, Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Rev. F. B. Kelsey; North Yarm Rev. Henry H. Osgood; Poland, F. A. Pulsifer; Pownal, Azor M. East North Yarmouth; Turner, Herbert Dresser; Yarmouth, First ch Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central church, Rev. Frank W. Sanborn.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Auburn High St. Ch., J. C. Kell; Auburn, Sixth St. church, Frank A. Haskell; West Auburn, Her Packard; Brunswick, Samuel V. Cole; Durham, Geo. A. Sewall; Harp Hiram M. Merriman; Freeport, George Sydleman; Freeport South, Rev. G. Burnham; Gray, Augustus Pennell; Lewiston, Frederic B. Sands; chanic Falls, E. F. Stevens; Minot Center, M. P. Downing; Minot, Wes Hebron, George Bridgman; New Gloucester, J. E. Bailey; North Yarm John T. Barstow; Poland, Frank E. Thurlow; Pownal, Perez Chapin; T. Herbert F. Dresser; Yarmouth, First Ch. M. L. Soule; Yarmouth, Ce James D. Rogers.

Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of North Yarmouth, *Scribe of Conference*; Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland Center, *Registrar and Treasurer*.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, Organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788, A meeting second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tu of May, August and November. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 90. Rev. Jc Trowbridge, *Scribe*.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1839.

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Far ton, June 7, 8, 1881. Dea. Elisha C. Vaughn, of Farmington Falls, *Mode* Devotional exercises led by Rev. Albert W. Moore, pastor, who cordially comed the Conference. *Discussions*.—Causes of the apparent decline of lar interest in our County Conference, and how to remedy it; Dr. H. Crosby's strictures on the use of the temperance pledge; what constit proper observance of the Lord's Day; what do we think of the revised ve how can we organize our churches for christian work?—Sermon, Tuesday, Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, Acts 19: 20. Growth of the word of God. W day P. M., Rev. Arthur G. Fitz. of Wilton, 1 Peter, 2: 9. "Ye are a c generation," etc. A praise meeting preceded the sermon on Tuesday. Devo exercises preceded each session. The Ladies Missionary Meeting at 9.

Wednesday. Mrs. C. D. Sewall, presiding. Report of the Churches, by Rev. A. W. Moore. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. L. Pratt and Henry Farrar of Weld; Deacons Wilder and McLain distributing the elements. "One of the best of our Conferences."

REV. ALBERT WESTON MOORE, of Boston, Mass., (Dartmouth, 1864, Andover, 1872.) installed Pastor of the Church in Farmington, February 2, 1881. Rev. Lyman Abbot, D. D., of New York, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Rockport, Mass., *Scribe*. Council met at 10 A. M. Public services, 2 P. M.—Invocation, Rev. Roscoe Sanderson, (Methodist,) of Farmington; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. T. B. Davis, (Free Baptist,) of Farmington; Hymn—"Before Jehovah's awful throne;" Sermon by the Moderator, Col. 3:16. The five public discourses of Christ; Hymn, Rev. Jonas Burnham, "Father, I know that all my life is portioned out to me;" installing prayer by the Scribe; charge to pastor, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon; right-hand, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; charge to people, Rev. Chas. L. Rotch, of Farmington Falls; prayer, Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton; Hymn, "How beautiful upon the Mountains," etc.—music composed by Mr. Lewis T. Wade, chorister; benediction by the pastor. Ch. Mir., Feb. 5, 12, Advance, Feb. 13. The Moderator and Preacher was ordained at Farmington in 1859, and the Scribe was Pastor in F. 1860-70.

Rev. Uriah W. Small, acting pastor at Wilton, from July 1, 1876, resigns July 4, 1880. At Sterling, Ill., 1881.

REV. ARTHUR GREEN FITZ, (Dartmouth, 1872, Bangor, 1875.) a. p. at Wilton, and Temple, from Dec. 1, 1880.

The church in Farmington paid off their debt of \$2,240, last Christmas, and entered on the new year with a balance to the credit side, and own in fee simple, a substantial and well-furnished house of worship, and a parsonage. The ladies pledged \$700 towards the debt; and in addition, repaired the church edifice and provided new furnaces at an expense of \$600.

Rev. R. B. Howard was installed Pastor at Rockport, Mass., Sept. 2, 1880. Rev. Lyman Abbot, D. D., preached in Farmington on the Sabbath Jan. 30, 1881.

Rev. A. W. Moore preached the Memorial Sermon at Farmington, May 29, Matt. 27: 42. "He saved others."

Rev. George W. Reynolds, of Farmington, supplying at Industry and Patten in 1878, was installed Pastor at Stewart, Iowa, Nov. 23, 1880.

Rev. George N. Marden, pastor at Farmington 1870-75, elected Professor of History and Political Science in Colorado College, Col., and will enter upon its duties in August, 1881.

The church edifice in Farmington Falls was furnished in the spring with a new carpet, and the vestry with a new organ.—The church in Temple with a bell for the belfry.

Annual Convention of Franklin County Sabbath Schools, held in New Sharon, Jan. 19, 20, 1881.

Franklin County Temperance Convention at Wilton, Feb. 3. Address by Ex-Gov. Nelson Dingley.

Died in Weld, Dec. 27, 1880. Mrs. Susan, widow of Hezekiah W. Jones, æt. 83, the mother of ten children. Two sons are in the Congregational ministry—Revs. A. N. Jones, Mt. Desert, and G. W. Jones, Winterport; one a deacon in the Congregational church, Weld, Dea. A. L. Jones.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. Julia A. Brown; Industry, William M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph N. Worthly; Strong, Rev. J. Loring Pratt; Temple, H. L. Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Farmington, J. Warren Merri  
Farmington Falls, Dea. Elisha C. Vaughn; Allen's Mills, (F. Falls,) William  
Rackliff; Industry, A. C. Cook; New Sharon, Rev. Chas. L. Rotch; New V  
yard, (Union,) B. W. Pratt; Phillips—; Strong, Samuel B. Luce; Ten  
H. Sampson; Weld, David T. Jones; Wilton, L. F. Abbot.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Albert W. Mo  
of Farmington, *Reporter*; Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasu*  
Next meeting in Industry. Preachers.—Revs. C. L. Rotch and A. W. Mo  
FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION included in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Se  
annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church at West Brooksv  
Sept. 28-29, 1880, Dea. Thomas E. Hale, of Ellsworth, *Moderator*. Sermon  
Rev. Lewis F. Thomas, of Castine, Heb. 13: 8, "Jesus Christ, the same  
terday, to-day, and forever."

Topics discussed—What can be done to commend religion to the ungo  
woman's part in the church prayer-meetings—should it be merely as a lister  
how can children be effectually trained to attend the preaching of the Gos  
Rev. Daniel Staver, from Cæserea, Turkey, delivered a discourse, "A plea  
the Orient."

Lord's Supper administered by Revs. James B. Hawes, of Piscataquis (f  
ference, and Daniel Staver.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Ellsworth, June  
1881.—Dea. Edward Swazey, of Bucksport, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, b  
Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, 1 Tim. 1: 5, "That ye might be com  
worthy of the Kingdom of God." Conference Sermon, Rev. William Fors  
of Bucksport, Micah 2: 10, "Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your re  
Topics for remark:—The proper attitude of church-members towards pop  
amusements; the latent power of the church, how render it most effective; l  
to secure the attendance of the children at the public worship, and bring tl  
into the church. An address on the New Revision, by Rev. Chas. J. H. Ro  
of Ellsworth, was delivered in part. By vote of Conference he was desire  
publish it. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. D. W. Hardy  
Bluehill, and A. N. Jones, of Mt. Desert.

Rev. Hiram Houston, acting-pastor First church, Deer Isle, from Apr  
1868, resigns April 1, 1881.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, acting-pastor at Bluehill from Oct. 7, 1877, resi  
May 1, 1881.

Rev. George S. Kemp, acting-pastor at West Brooksville, from May 4, 1  
resigns June, 1881; will reside at Brooksville.

Rev. Chas. J. H. Ropes, pastor at Ellsworth from Aug. 15, 1877, elected l  
fessor of Sacred Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary, July, 1881.

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, will supply the church at West Brooksv  
Mrs. M. E. S. Beckwith, widow of Rev. Baruck B. Beckwith, pasto  
Castine, 1837-42, died in Gouverneur, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1881.

Hancock County Sabbath School Convention held in Ellsworth, Oct.  
1880—Union Sabbath School Association of Mt. Desert and vicinity, at So  
ville, June 21, 1881—Rev. Albert N. Jones, President.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Amherst and Aurora, Everett W. Silsby. Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, Mrs. George W. Farnham; Bucksport, George P. Eames; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, First church, Dea. Joseph Saunders; Deer Isle, Second church, William E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Mrs. Eley S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham. Brooklin: Somesville, E. E. Babson, Mt. Desert; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Amherst and Aurora, Charles Silsby; Bluehill, Henry P. Whitney; Brooksville West, S. P. Tapley; Bucksport, George P. Eames; Castine, Frederick Foster; Deer Isle, First church, —; Deer Isle, Second church, Franklin Closson, No. Deer Isle; Ellsworth, George P. Dutton; Isle au Haut, (Union,) Mrs. Eley S. Turner; Orland, T. H. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Joseph J. Walker; Sedgwick Village, —; Somesville, Dea. Obadiah Allen; Tremont and Mt. Desert, (Union,) Obadiah Allen, Mt. Desert; L. F. Benson, Tremont; Centre and Pretty Marsh, (Union,) M. Smith; S. W. Harbor, (Union,) S. S. Newman and Thomas Clark; Gott's Island, (Union,) Enoch Moore, P. O. Tremont; Seal Cove, (Union,) Benjamin Sawyer.

Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, of Castine, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting is at Bluehill, October, 1881.

**HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.** Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August and November. *Members*, Minutes, 1879, p. 91. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Castine, *Scribe*.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823. Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET CONFERENCE.** was held with the church in Waterville, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Rev. John Dinsmore, *Moderator*, who conducted the opening devotional exercises. Topics for discussion:—I. The relation of the Sabbath School, 1, to the child; 2, to the family; 3, to the church; 4, to the outlying world. II. How shall we secure an interesting and profitable prayer-meeting? III. The relation of our churches to Home Evangelization. IV. The church, 1, Its encouragements and discouragements; 2, Its relation to reforms; 3, In what does its strength consist? On Tuesday evening, preceded by a praise-meeting led by the Moderator, a sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. George T. Ladd, of Bowdoin College, Eph. 5: 1. "Followers of God, as dear children." Wednesday, A. M., Sermon by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, Rom. 7: 23. The warring of the members, and of the mind, and the captivity of sin.—Conference Sermon, Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta, 2 Cor. 4: 3. "If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." Prayer-meeting, Wednesday morning, led by Rev. Richard M. Peacock, of Solon.

Women's Missionary meetings were held on Wednesday in the vestry of the Baptist church. The Home Missionary Auxilliary, at 10, A. M., conducted by Mrs. E. N. Smith, of Waterville, and addressed by Mrs. W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan.—The Foreign Missionary Auxilliary, at 2, P. M., conducted by Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, and addressed by Mrs. F. and Mrs. J. H. Hanson, of Waterville, and others.

The Lord's Supper was administered.

"The attendance through the meetings was good, and all felt that the fellowship of the churches had been increased, and individual christian strength renewed." On Wednesday noon, a bountiful dinner was provided in the vestry. The church was decorated with flowers, evergreens, and autumn leaves. Waterville Mail, Oct. 29. Lewiston Journal, Oct. 22.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Hallowell, May 31, June 1, '81. Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Gardiner, *Moderator*. Sermons, by the Moderator, Matt. 12: 12. "How much then is a man better than a sheep." Theme:—True practical estimate of values; and by Rev Daniel F. Davis, of Pittston.

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, read a paper on the practical infidelities of our times; followed by a discussion of their remedies, opened by Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Winslow.

Topic.—Public Worship. 1. How shall we promote its spirituality, Rev. W. Woodbury. 2. How shall we increase attendance upon its services, Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick.

Tuesday evening—Praise service conducted by George F. Hawes, of Augusta. Topic.—The proper uses of the Lord's Day, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, and Dea. William E. Gould, of Portland.

Wednesday.—Devotional exercises, led by Rev. G. W. Jones. Topics.—How shall we use the Bible? 1. for ourselves, Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell. 2. for our families and Sabbath Schools, S. S. Brooks, of Augusta. Organization for church work.—what would it do for the church and the community? Grenville T. Fletcher, of Augusta.

Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, and the Moderator.

The Kennebec Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions was held during the session of Conference.

REV. GUSTAVUS WARREN JONES, (Bangor Sem'y. 1873.) acting-pastor in Winslow from September, 1880.

REV. WILLIAM FOSTER OBEAR, (Amherst 1835, Bangor 1868,) acting-pastor in Winthrop, from Dec. 1, 1880.

REV. HENRY ELLIOT MOTT, (Princeton C. 1874, Union S. 1878,) pastor-elect — South church, Augusta.

REV. JAMES H. ECOB, pastor of South church, Augusta, from Oct. 2, 1878 — resigns, and was dismissed by Council, Jan 24, 1881. Rev. Henry F. Harding — of Hallowell, *Moderator*; Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe*. Mr. E — called to Presbyterian Church in Albany, N. Y.

Rev. Warren F. Bickford, pastor of the church in Winthrop, from June 20 — 1876, preached his farewell sermon June 29, 1880. Dismissed by Council, Aug — 26, 1880. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Now at Breckenbridge, Colorado. Letters from him. "From the heart of the Rocky Mountains," in Ch. Mir., Feb. 26 and June 4, 1881.

Rev. John Dinsmore, acting-pastor of the church in Winslow, from June 10, 1862, resigns. He left with his family for Brunswick, Sept. 17, 1880, especially for the educational advantages of his family.

Rev. Alexander Wiswall, pastor at Benton from Sept. 24, 1879, resigns Feb. 27, 1881. Dis. by Council at Benton Falls, March 22, 1881. Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Record, Ch. Mir., Apr. 2. Accepts a call to Second church, Norway.

Rev. Austin L. Park offered his resignation as pastor at Gardiner, Jan 2, 1881, on account of his health, but the church declined to accept it. He left May 18, for California, to be absent about three months.—Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, supplies from May 8, and during his absence.

The thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Josiah T. Hawes, Litchfield, was observed Nov. 22, 1880, by a surprise party. Friends came in from noon to evening, and there were friendly greetings. A very filial and racy letter was received from their eldest son, Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., of New Haven, Conn., and messages from other friends. Clergymen of other denominations were present to congratulate him. Reported Lewiston Journal, November 29.

Rev. Trueman A. Merrill, at Richmond, 1859-60, accepts a call to Salisbury, Vt.

The South church, Hallowell, are to build a church edifice of Hallowell granite, on the corner of Second and Chesnut Sts. Cost, \$16,000. There will be a vestry connected with the main building.

Dea. Stephen Sewall died in Winthrop, May 30, 1880, æt. 86. Ob. by W. F. B., Ch. Mir., July 17, 1880. Notice, Minutes, 1880, p. 67.—Mrs. Mary Ellen, in Hallowell, Feb. 5, 1881, æt. 48, wife of Dr. J. M. Eveleth, and daughter of the late Rev. John A. Douglas, of Waterford.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Newman, in Winthrop, Feb. 6, æt. 94, the oldest member of the church in W. She removed from Newburyport, Mass., in 1815 to W.—Otis Hawes, clerk of church in Vassalboro, died in 1876.

Rev. N. W. Clifford canvassed the county as colporteur of the Bible Society.

The annual meeting of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in Augusta, Feb. 14, 15, 1881.

Mrs. Flagg, of Hallowell, gave \$2,000 to the Maine General Hospital.—Mrs. Mary T. Erskine, of South Carolina, gives \$1,000 towards a new building for the Girl's Industrial School, Hallowell.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Thomas Smiley, Benton Falls; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, Asa P. Smith; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Albert Farwell, Riverside; Waterville, Joseph L. Towne; Winslow, George W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Henry Woodward.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Augusta, Grenville T. Fletcher; Benton, William K. Lunt; Clinton, —; Gardiner, Frederick Danforth; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, Foster Alexander; Monmouth, J. G. Gott; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, George H. Safford; Sidney, —; Vassalboro, (Union,) Howard H. Snell; Waterville, Increase Robinson; Winslow, Dea. Cyrus Howard; Winthrop, Dea. George Packard.

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Semi-annual meeting of Somerset and Kennebec Conference, in Winthrop, October, 1881.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.—Kennebec and Somerset Associations were united April 23, 1867. Annual meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. *Members, Minutes, 1879, p. 91.* Rev. Webster Woodbury, *Scribe.*

Kennebec Association organized in Pittston, July 24, 1816. Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln under the name of Lincoln and Kennebec Ministerial Conference.—Somerset Association, organized in New Sharon, May 6, 1829,—last meeting in May, 1851.—Franklin Association, organized August 1, 1848.—Somerset and Franklin Association united, organized at Weld, Aug. 4, 1852; last meeting, Feb. 3, 1864. All merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association; organized in Waterville, April 23, 1867.

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting Tuesday before the second Wednesday in June.

## NO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Rockland, June 7, 8, 1881. Hon. Henry Tolman, of Bath, *Moderator*, who opened the session with reading the Scriptures and prayer. Opening Sermon by Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, Daniel 12: 3. The work of winning souls; the wisdom required in it, and the reward. Conference Sermon, Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath, Matt. 27: 42. "He saved others, himself he cannot save."

Topics for discussion.—How can non-church goers be won to the house of God? What sort of preaching is demanded by the times? (1.) biblical, convincing, mis'y, J. E. Pond; (2.) clear and with feeling, L. D. Evans; (3.) old truths, with some change in the manner of presenting them, J. O. Fiske and E. D. Crane; (4.) guided by the Holy Spirit, F. V. Norcross; (5.) "smart" C. H. Pope. The next topic discussed was suggested by the Report of the Churches, by Rev. J. E. Pond, Reporter; special attention being called to the absent members. Then followed the question.—What shall be done with our Sunday? It must be a holy-day, filled with good—to keep out the evil.

Charles Morse, of Warren, a delegate from the Convention of Reform Clubs, was heard by the Conference. They responded with the expression of their hearty sympathy and deep interest in their special work, and their intense desire that the great cause of abstinence from strong drink, may meet with complete success—and for this they would pray and labor, as an important part of their church work. At their request a delegate was chosen by the Conference to the Reform Clubs,—Hon. Henry Tolman of Bath.

The following telegram, was on motion of Revs. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, sent to the Home Missionary Convention, in session at Chicago. "We are cordially with you in the 'New departure' for the Christianization of our Country."

A Prayer-Meeting, was held, led by L. J. Burton, of Warren, and a Praise-Meeting, led by Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, assisted by an efficient choir.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. E. Pond of Warren, and Wm. R. Stocking, of Wiscasset.—Dea. A. J. Shaw, of Rockland, and Dea. Healey, distributing the elements.

HENRY CLAY ROBINSON, of New Castle (Bowdoin 1860.) ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry at Phippsburgh, June 21, 1881. Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Wm. R. Richards of Bath, *Scribe*.—Public Services.—1. Anthem from the "Sabbath Harmony."—"Let every heart rejoice and sing;" reading the Scriptures and Prayer, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Winthrop; hymn 775, "Spiritual Songs."—"Ye messengers of Christ, his sovereign voice obey;" sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske D. D. of Bath, Matt. 24: 35. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," etc; ordaining prayer by the Moderator; charge to the pastor, by the Scribe; right hand, Rev. William F. Obear, his former pastor; address to the people, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Bristol; anthem, "Zion awake! thy strength renew;" Benediction by Rev. Henry C. Robinson.

Mr. R. closed his labors at Alna, in October, and accepted a call to Phippsburgh, where he is now acting-pastor.

CHARLES EVERETT ANDREWS, (Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth Coll., 1875, Bangor Seminary, 1881.) Pastor-elect of the Second Church, New Castle, May 1881. Rev. William F. Obear, pastor from Oct. 16, 1872, resigns, Dec. 30, 1880, and accepts a call to Winthrop.



EDWARD CLARENCE CRANE. (Bangor Sem. 1879) called to Waldoboro, First Church, May, 1881.—Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, Pastor from Nov. 8, 1872, resigned Oct., 1880.—Dismissed by Council, Oct. 4, 1880. Rev. John O. Fiske D. D. of Bath, *Moderator*. Rev. John J. Blair, of Rockland, *Scribe*. Mr. McLeod now in Groton, Conn.

Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, acting-pastor at Edgecomb, from Nov. 14, 1875, resigned on account of ill health Nov. 1880, and removed to Auburn.

Rev. Nahum W. Grover, acting-pastor at Topsham from Dec. 1, 1875, resigned March 20, 1881, and accepted a call to Colebrook, N. H.

Rev. Lewis D. Evans, acting-pastor at Bristol from June 1, 1875, resigned, June 1881. He is called to Lee, N. H. where he begins his labors July 1, 1881.

Rev. Flavious V. Norcross, of Union, Supplies at Washington, Sabbath afternoons.

Rev. John J. Bulfinch, supplies at Bremen, one-half the time.

Rev. Charles Packard, Pastor at Waldoboro, 1867 to '70, died in Windham, N. H., Feb. 19, 1881. (See Necrology.)

Rev. George W. Christie, at Wiscasset, 1876-'78, is pastor at Wolfboro, N. H.

Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, Pastor at Rockland, 1838 to 1856, is appointed U. S. Consul, at St. John, N. B., June 1881.

Rev. Wm. A. Spaulding, Pastor 2nd Ch. New Castle 1870-'71, is at Attleboro, Mass. Memorial Sermon preached by him in A. is published in the Attleboro Advocate, June, 4, '81.

The centennial anniversary of the organization of Bath was observed Mch. 19, 1881. Historical address by Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich; Oration by Hon. Edward B. Nealley, of Bangor; Poem by Frank W. Hanson Jr. Other observances were held. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D. made the occasion the theme of a discourse on the following Sabbath. (20th.) Text—Psalm 78,—reviewing the growth of the city from the beginning in 1739, with twelve cabins; and less than 500 persons in 1781, to the nearly 8,000 of to-day. He referred to Robert Gutch the first Congregational minister, 1665-1679, who, with his wife, was drowned in Back River; to Robert Rutherford a man of distinguished parts, in 1744 and on a few years;—to Dr. Ellingwood, pastor of Winter Street Church, 1812-43, and others.

Charles Clapp, Jr., of Bath, bequeathed \$6,000 each, to Maine Missionary Soc. Am. Bd. C. F. M.; \$4,000 to Am. Bible Society; \$3,000 each to Bangor Theological Seminary, Am. Home Missy. Soc., Am. Seamen's Friend Soc., and Halliwell Classical School; \$2,000 each to Am. Missy. Asso. and Am. Tract Society; \$1,000 each to Bowdoin College, Maine Branch American Education Society, and Iowa College; \$200 each to Central Church Bath, for Sabbath School, and for the education of the colored race.

Died in Wiscasset, June 27, '80, Mrs. Eliza Foote, widow of Hon. Erastus Foote, æt. 82, ob. Ch. Mir. July 17. . . In Topsham July 4, '80, Samuel Johnson, æt. 64, for 46 years a member of the Cong'l church. Ob. N. W. G., Ch., Mir. July 17. . . In Bath, Dea. John Bovey, July 1, æt. 85. . . . In Union, Jan. 17 '81, Johnson Jones, æt. 80. . . In Bristol, March 7, Mrs E., wife of Dea. Robert Hunter, Ob. L. D. E. Ch. Mir. Mch. 26. . . In Alna, June 30, '81 Mrs. Mary D., wife of Dea. Jeremiah Pearson, æt. 74. . . In Warren, July 2, Mrs. Emma J. wife of Rev. Charles E. Andrews, pastor-elect of 2nd Ch. New Castle, æt. 27.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter Street, Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Franklin S. Partridge; Boothbay, First church, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay Second Ch., Charles Kendrick; Bremen, Dea. James P. Hilton; Bristol, Joseph Hunter; Edgecomb, Ebenezer Chase, jr.; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; New Castle, First Ch., Charles

C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; New Castle, Second Ch., John Glidden; Rockland, A. Judson Shaw; Thomaston, S. S. C. Topsham, Isaac P. Tebbetts; Union, Augustus Vaughan; Waldoboro Ch., Rev. Edward C. Crane; Waldoboro, Second Ch., Jacob Winchenbeuren, Isaac P. Starrett; Washington, Rev. F. V. Norcross, a. c.; Wiscasset L. Young; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

**SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.**—Alna.—; Bath, Winter St., Dr. Percy; Bath, Central Ch., Henry E. Palmer; Boothbay, First Ch., Dodge; Boothbay, Second Ch., Dea. James T. Beath; Bremen.—; F. Thomas H. Fassett; Edgcomb, Charles W. Cate; Lisbon.—; New Castle Ch.—; New Castle, Second Ch., Ebenezer Haggett; Phippsburg, Nathaniel Reed; Rockland, W. S. D. Healey; Thomaston, S. S. Gerry; Topsham, C. R. Lovering; Union, F. A. Seiders; (Union School at Appleton, 2 Hawkes;) Waldoboro, First Ch., Dea. George Allen; Waldoboro, Second Ch.—; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett; Washington, (Union Sch.) H. G. McWiscasset, William H. Small; Woolwich, two schools, F. Carleton and R. O. Thayer.

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Woolwich, June 1882.

**LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Phippsburgh, May 1, 1844.—first Tuesday of February, May and November. Rev. J. Evarts Pond of W. *Scribe*. *Members*.—p. 92. *Minutes*, 1880.

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814, does not meet.

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual meeting first Tuesday Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the Second church Bethel. Samuel W. Pearson, of Andover, *Moderator*.

Opening sermon, by Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, Matt. 28: 20. The Some of the forms of distrust and discouragements which prevail among Conference sermon, Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, 1 Peter 2: 7. Theme—(C) precious to believers.

Topics for discussion:—I. The Bible the word of God. 1. In its origin In what it reveals. 3. In its design. 4. In its influence, (a.) upon the y (b.) in moulding society; (c.) in showing the way to Heaven. II. Sabbath Schools. 1. The qualifications essential to render a person a good teacher The means by which a teacher can hold the attention of the pupils. III. Maine Bible Society. 1. The need of this society. 2. The efficiency of the society in meeting the wants of the mass of people. IV. Mission work, each Parish. 2. In the State of Maine. 3. In foreign lands. The Lord's per administered by Revs. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, and Joseph G. of Rumford.

**THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING** with the Second church in New Village, June 7, 8, 1881. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Of services conducted by Gilman Rice, of Sumner, assisted by Rev. Edmund Ingalls, of South Paris. Scripture lesson, Matt. 4: text, Matt. 9: 9. The Immediate obedience. Topics for discussion:—What can be done to secure more abundant operations of the Holy Spirit. 1. Study the Word. 2. more faith in the Spirit. 3. Pray more; the duty of church-members to join Sunday School; the duty of every one in the Sunday School to make a personal surrender of himself to Christ; the advantages of seeking God in early

Church prosperity.—I. What is it? 1. in faith; 2. in spiritual life; 3. gain in membership; 4. activity in Missionary work. II. The obstacles in the way. 1. want of conformity to Christ; lack of charity; 3. lack of interest in meetings for prayer; 4. neglect of family religion, and lack of personal consecration. Praise meeting, Tuesday evening.—Scripture lesson, Jer. 35. The responsibility of the church with regard to the cause of Temperance.—Prayer meeting, Tuesday, P. M., and Wednesday, A. M., as the opening service. Conference sermon, Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, of Oxford. Scripture Lesson, Isa. 53. Text, Isa. 53: 5, Christ's sorrow, sadness and suffering.—voluntary. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, and Edmund C. Ingalls, of South Paris. The Woman's Board of Missions had an interesting session in connection with the Conference.

REV. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM INGALLS, of New York, (Harvard, 1873, Andover, 1876.) acting-pastor at South Paris from January, 1881.

REV. JOSEPH GARLAND supplied at Rumford Point, July, 1880, to April, 1881, resigns.

REV. FREDERICK E. EMRICH, of Mechanic Falls, acting-pastor at Oxford from July 1, 1879.

REV. CHARLES DAME, (Bowdoin, 1835, Andover, 1838.) a. p. at Andover, Me. from May 1, '81.

Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, a. p. at Andover, from May 1, 1876, resigned April 24, 1881. (Residence—Brunswick.)

Gilman Rice, *Licentiate*—supplies Sumner and East Sumner.

Rev. Edward E. Bacon, dismissed from Second Ch., Norway, Dec. 23, 1880. Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, *Scribe*. Record Ch. Mir. Jan. 8, '81. Mr. B. installed pastor Second Ch. Westbrook, Sacarappa,—Jan. 12, 1881.

Rev. Charles D. Crane, who supplied at South Paris, 1877 to Jan., 1880, called to Cong'l Ch., "Falls Church," Va. supplied for a time, and went to Hampden Me., acting-pastor, from Jan. 1, 1881.

The First Ch. Bethel have issued a new Church Manual, 18 pps. 18mo.—Organized in 1790, it has had six pastors, and five acting-pastors, and several who have supplied less than a year. Thirteen Deacons.—List of Resident Members, numbering 68. This church sends a circular to its non-resident members, with six questions for them to answer, and return to the Pastor, as to their church privileges, Sabbath School, prayer-meetings, and their personal progress in the divine life.

The church at South Paris is to cancel its debt of \$1600. The church edifice has been repaired.

The church in Sumner has procured a new chandeller.

E. B. Stillson canvassed nineteen towns, and two plantations in the western half of this county, for the Maine Bible Society, and reported in Nov. 1880, 2,919 families. Only 1073 families attend any place of public worship. In the same towns are to be found 1901 Protestant children between the ages of four and twenty years who do not attend any Sabbath School. Ch. Mir. Nov. 6.

The Oxford County Quarterly Convention of Reform Clubs met in South Waterford, July 30, 1880.

The Funeral of Dr. D. W. Davis was attended in the First Ch. Bethel Mch. 16, 1881. Address by Rev. S. L. Bowler, from Luke 22: 27, "He that serveth."—Prayers.—Revs. David Garland, and T. Hillman.

Samuel Sewall, son of Rev. Samuel Sewall, the first pastor in Sumner, 1812-'45, died in Lowell, Mass. Oct. 7, 1880, æt. 81. He came to Lowell in 1841, and was in a machine shop, till his health failed. He was a worthy member of Kirk St. Church.—Dea. A. H. Muzzy, died in Norway, Apr. 10, 1881, æt. 76. Member of the Cong'l Ch. more than 50 years; a deacon most of the time.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, J. H. Bailey; Berlin Falls, N. H., J. D. Dalle; Bethel First Ch., Dea. J. U. Purington; Bethel 2d Ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Henry Wight; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; Norway, 1st Ch., J. F. Holt; Norway 2d Ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Mrs. M. A. Ellis; Rumford, J. E. Elliot; Shelburne, N. H., Dea. E. P. Green; South Paris, Stephen R. Parsons; Sumner, J. T. Stetson, East Sumner; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Andover, Elbridge Poor; Berlin Falls, N. H., Rev. Arthur J. Benedlet; Bethel 1st Ch., J. M. Purington; Bethel 2d Ch., Arthur W. Valentine; Dixfield,—; Gilead, William R. Peabody; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; Norway, 1st Ch., A. T. Holt; Norway 2d Ch., Frank S. Sargent; Oxford, R. A. Loring; Rumford, Henry Barker; Shelburne, N. H., E. P. Green; South Paris, Horace N. Bolster; Sumner, Stephen C. Heald; Upton, Mrs. Susan Douglass.

Arthur W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.—Was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Meetings on second Tuesday in May, July, and Sept. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Scribe p. t. Members*,—Minutes 1879, p. 122.

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in January.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First church, in Brewer, Jan. 11, 12, 1881. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises, previous to the opening sermon, which was by Rev. Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, of Bangor Seminary. Rom. 8: 6. The spiritually minded—who they are, the result in their own experience, and the influence they exert in the church, and in the world. Conference Sermon, Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, John 7: 37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." Topics for remarks,—The development of young christians in the church; the church, 1, as a social force; 2, as an educational force; 3, as a spiritual force. Rev. S. L. B. Speare, of Bangor, discussed and explained the new "Bible revision," Prayer meetings led by Rev. H. A. Freeman, of Oldtown, and Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, of Albany, Vt. Verbal reports from the churches. Ordination of Francis B. Denio, Tuesday evening. Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions, Tuesday p. m., in the chapel. Reports from the several Auxiliaries. Address by Mrs. William Greenwood, of Boston, daughter of the Missionary Valentine. Conference session closed with the administration of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. S. L. B. Speare and F. B. Denio, of Bangor. Elements distributed by Deas. Duren and Lambert, of Bangor, George, of Orrington, and Richardson, of Oldtown.

"The Conference was one of the best, and the churches were quickened and helped."

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Orono, June 7, 8, 1881. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises, led by Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, of Manchester, N. H. Opening sermon, Rev. Francis B. Denio, 1 Peter 1: 1. An expository sermon,—giving among other points, a view of God's choice of men to accomplish His wise and gracious purposes; and the privilege and comfort of voluntarily accepting His appointment, and fulfilling His plan.

**Topics for discussion:**—How may the latent power of the church be rendered more effective; what are the duties of parents, ministers and other teachers to children and youth; what constitutes the success of a church; the organic union of Evangelical churches. Two prayer meetings were held, led by Revs. Charles D. Crane, of Hampden, and Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer. On Tuesday eve. a half-hour praise service, led by Mr. F. A. Wilson, of Orono, introduced the discussion of the evening. Reference was made to the work which the feebler churches were endeavoring to do, and to our sympathy and regard for them, and prayer was offered in their behalf. Report of the churches by Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, *Scribe*. Conference Sermon, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown, Luke 5: 3, 6. "Let down your nets."—presenting thoughts suggested by the review of the year; urging the importance of earnest and aggressive work; more of a sense of responsibility as individuals and churches; responding to the call of the Master. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. George W. Field, of Bangor, and C. S. Sargent, of Brewer Village, Deas. T. B. George, of Orrington, and J. F. Greaves, of Orono, distributing the elements. The service of song throughout the sessions was aided promptly by the cabinet organ, with Mrs. Sawyer, organist. It was a pleasant thought referred to during the meeting, that during these two days we were a part of a large concourse throughout the State, engaged in like services for mutual edification and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Thirteen County Conferences were then in session. The Conference valued highly the presence and help of Rev. Dr. Wallace, of New Hampshire, who was temporarily supplying Hammond St. church, Bangor. Another of the best Conferences.

HENRY ALLEN FREEMAN, (Bangor Sem. 1878.) ordained and installed Pastor of the Congregational church, Oldtown, Oct. 13, 1880. Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Orono, *Scribe*. Ordination services, 2.30 P. M. Anthem, "They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be as Mount Zion." Invocation by the Scribe. Scripture selections and prayer, Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Hampden. Hymn, 757, (Spiritual Songs.) read by Rev. C. S. Sargent, of Brewer Village.—"O where are Kings and empires now." Sermon, Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Sem'ry, Acts 3: 6, 1. c. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Installing prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Hymn, read by Everett L. Wallbridge, of East Bangor.—"Oh, still in accents sweet as strong, Sounds forth the ancient Word." Charge to pastor, Prof. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary; right-hand of fellowship, Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, of Castine; charge to people, Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer; Prayer, by the Moderator; Hymn, "We bid thee welcome;" benediction by pastor.

FRANCIS BRIGHAM DENIO, Teacher in Bangor Seminary, (Middlebury 1871, Andover 1879.) was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, by a council called by the Hammond St. church, Bangor, to meet during the session of Penobscot Conference, in Brewer, Jan. 11, 1881. Council met at 2 o'clock.—Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor Seminary, *Moderator*; Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Brewer Village, *Scribe*. Ordination services, 7 P. M. Anthem by the choir; Invocation and reading the Scriptures, by the Moderator; Hymn, 1062, (Sab. Hymn and Tune Book.) "How beauteous are their feet;" ordaining prayer, Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; charge, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor; right-hand, Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer; Hymn, 1136, "Ye christian heralds, go proclaim." After a session of the Conference, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. B. Denio.

EVERETT LORENZO WALLBRIDGE, (Bangor Sem. 1881.) was ordained at East Bangor, his native place, to the work of the Gospel ministry, Thursday June 2, by a council called by the church at East Bangor. Council met at 10 A. M. Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown, *Moderator*; Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, *Scribe*. Ordination services at 2 P. M. Organ Voluntary, by Mrs. John H. Hoffman; reading the Scriptures, Rev. Robert F. True, of Attleboro.

Mass.; Prayer, Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, D. D., of Manchester, N. H.; Hymn, read by Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Newfield.—"I love thy kingdom, Lord;" Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, John 17: 17, "The power of Christianity,—of Gospel truth in forming a true character, which shall control the heart and life;" Ordaining prayer, Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D.; Hymn, "To win them from that fatal way;" charge, Rev. John H. Hoffman, of Henniker, N. H.; Hymn, "With heavenly power, O Lord, defend;" Prayer by the Moderator; Benediction, Rev. E. L. Wallbridge. Mr. W. is to supply at Millbridge.

ROBERT WATT JAMISON, (Bangor Seminary 1881.) ordained to the Gospel ministry by a council called by the First Cong'l church, Bangor, to meet at the chapel of Bangor Seminary, Thursday, June 2d, 7 P. M. Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, *Moderator*; Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Brewer Village, *Scribe*. Services.—Hymn, "Oh! the sweet wonders of that cross;" Ordaining prayer, Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, D. D., of Manchester, N. H.; charge, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Secretary of the Maine Miss'y Soc.; right-hand of fellowship, by the Scribe; Hymn, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" benediction, by Rev. R. W. Jamison. Mr. J. is commissioned by the Am. Home Miss'y Society, to labor in Appleton, Wisconsin.

REV. CHARLES DODD CRANE, (Princeton 1869, Union Sem. 1874,) acting-pastor at Hampden, from Jan. 1, 1881.

Francis Newport, of Bangor Seminary supplied at Lincoln each alternate Sabbath, and from June 1, each Sabbath.

John W. Todd, of Bangor Seminary, supplied at Kenduskeag each alternate Sabbath during the Spring.

Rev. Charles Edwin Fitz, acting-pastor at Kenduskeag from Jan. 28, 1880; resigns Jan. 1, 1881. Mr. F. was ordained 1877, May 27. P. O. Address, Manchester, N. H.

Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, acting-pastor at Hampden from Feb. 16, 1879; resigns Dec. 1, 1880. Accepts call to Wilton.

A Council met at Brewer Village, March 3, 1881, to consider the resignation of Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, as pastor of the churches in Brewer Village and East Orrington. Rev. S. L. B. Speare, of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward C. Crane, of Holden, *Scribe*. The council advised the withdrawal of the resignation. Accepted. Record Ch. Mir., March 19.

A Council was called by the First Congregational church, Bangor, which met April 21, 1881, in reference to difficulties which existed among them. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, *Scribe*. The council advised that the pastoral relation existing between them and Rev. S. L. B. Speare, be dissolved. Record,—Bangor Whig and Courier, April 23. Ch. Mir., April 30.

REV. S. LEWIS B. SPEARE, pastor, First Cong'l church, Bangor, from June 5, 1879, and a. p. from July 1, 1878, dismissed by council, May 5, 1881. Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown, *Moderator of Council*; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Record.—Bangor papers, May 6. Ch. Mir., May 14. Mr. S. installed pastor at Middlebury, Vt., June 24, 1881.—Sermon by Rev. James G. Johnson, D. D., of Rutland, Vt. Installing prayer, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., President Middlebury College.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., who has been identified with the educational, moral and religion interests of this Conference, and of the State, the past four years, was called in August, 1880, to the Presidency of Middlebury College, Vt., which he accepted. Reference to it Ch. Mir., Aug. 28, and Sept. 11.

REV. ALFRED J. MCGOWN, pastor at Orono from July 3, 1877, dismissed by council May 19, 1881. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown, *Scribe*. Record,—Ch. Mir., May 28. Mr. McG. accepts call to Claremont, N. H.

Rev. Edward C. Crane, acting-pastor at Holden from June 7, 1878, and at Dedham from June 1, 1879, resigns, May 29, 1881. Accepts a call to Waldoboro.

Isaac C. Bumpus, licensed by the Penobscot Association, June 13, 1881, supplying at Sherman, Aroostook Co.

John Andrew Rowell a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1880, and who supplied the church at East Bangor; ordained Oct. 14, 1880, pastor at South Weare, N. H.

The church of Dixmont and Plymouth, revived by additions to its membership. Ch. Mir., Nov. 6.

Edward H. Hackett, from Bangor Seminary, supplied Medway part of the year.

The churches in Bangor publish on cards the services on the Sabbath and during the week, arrange and frame them together, placing them in Hotels, and other public places, for the information of strangers and others.

Services were held in WEST BANGOR CHAPEL during the year. Supplied by John W. Todd, Francis Newport, and the ministers of the city, and others. Services have been held at ESSEX ST., supplied by E. L. Wallbridge and Arthur W. Main; also at North Bangor and on the Hampden Road.

The Young Men's Christian Association, Bangor, was re-organized in January, 1881. They are establishing meetings, and aiding those previously begun.

Rev. John O. Means, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., presented the claims of Africa, and the work of missions now in progress there, to the Seminary and the churches of Bangor. Dec. 15.

Rev. William R. Stocking gave his Lectures on the Orient, with illustrations, at Bangor, March 13, 14, 1881.

Letters from Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Harpoot, Turkey, in Ch. Mir. July 17, '80, and March 19, '81.—From Mrs. Wheeler, Jan. 22, 1881. Miss Emily C. Wheeler left New York, in the City of Montreal, Sept. 26, 1880, arrived in Harpoot, Oct. 16. Her letter to young ladies is published in the "Life and Light," September No. 1880, p. 334.

Mrs. Benjamin G. Snow returns to her loved mission-field in Micronesia, May, 1881. Left San Francisco, June 4, for Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, where she arrived safely.

Dea. William Higgins, died in Kenduskeag, Aug. 1, 1880, æt. 70.—Mrs. Margaret A. Stevens, April 6, 1881, æt. 70. Devout, benevolent, loving, and true to God and man. A member of Hammond St. church, Bangor, 38 years.—Amherst Alden, June 29, 1881, æt. 73. A member of same church, 47 years.

A Union Sabbath School Convention for Penobscot County, was held in First Cong'l Ch., Bangor, Sept. 29, 1880, Rev. R. L. Howard, President; Rev. S. L. B. Speare, Secretary. Address by Rev. W. H. Clark, of South Norridgewock, State Sec'y. Discussions on topics of practical interest.—The Sabbath Schools in Hampden united in a Convention Oct. 18.

The cause of Temperance has been sustained by the churches.—The Reform Club, Woman's Crusade, and Woman's Christian Temperance Union, have held meetings through the year, sometimes in connection with the churches, and in their places of worship. The Ladies' Temperance Union opened a Temperance saloon at Bangor, in January, 1881, with prayer, singing and remarks. Revs. Speare, Greenwood, Eldridge, and others taking part in the services.—Resolutions adopted by the First Cong'l church, Bangor, published in Bangor papers, Jan. 18, Ch. Mir., Jan. 22.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, 1st Ch., John S. Ellis; Bangor, Hammond street Ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor Central Ch., Henry S. Brown; Bangor, East, Allen C. Tibbets; Brewer, 1st Ch., Rev. C. A. Beckwith; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent; Burlington, Miss M. C. Scammon; Dedham, Amos Moulton; Dixmont and Plymouth, Edward Taylor, p. t.; Dixmont, George H.

Thayer, Plymouth; Hampden, B. W. Hardy; Holden, George C. Wiswell; Kenduskeag, Orrin R. Barrows; Lincoln, Robert R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, T. B. George; Upper Stillwater, Ida Rogers; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Bangor, First Ch., James H. Crosby; Hammond St. Ch., J. Milton Daggett; Central Ch., Charles S. Pearl; East Bangor, Stephen O. Lilley; West Bangor, N. Willmot Littlefield; Essex St., Bangor, Joseph Moore; Brewer, First Ch., Manly Hardy; Brewer Village, J. Wyman Phillips; Burlington, Dea. Philip Page; Dedham, M. T. Gilmore; Dixmont and Plymouth, Dixmont (Union,) E. M. Doloff; Plymouth (Union,) J. O. Palmer; Hampden, Wm. C. Holt; Holden, J. Lawrence Copeland; Kenduskeag, B. F. Higgins; Lincoln, R. R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Charles A. Bailey; Orono, Merritt C. Fernald; Orrington, East, George W. Severance; Upper Stillwater, Mrs. Albert Plummer; Veazie, (Union,) John F. Towle.

Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Brewer Village, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. E. F. Duren, *Treasurer*. Semi-annual meeting with the Central church, Bangor, Jan. 10, 11, 1882.

**PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceeding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—*Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 92.—Rev. John S. Sewall, D.D. Bangor, *Scribe*.

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, two weeks before annual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** with the church in Greenville, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*.

Topics for remark; The greatest need of this Conference at the present meeting; christian consecration. Sermon, Tuesday evening, by Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Monson, John 17: 5, "Glorify me with thine own self" etc. Conference Sermon, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, Math. 28: 20, "Lo, I am with you always" etc. Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland reported the meeting of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., at Lowell, Mass., and Rev. C. L. Nichols, the meeting of the Am. Missionary Association, at Norwich, Conn. The Woman's Board of Missions held a meeting on Tuesday P. M.

**THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING**, with the church in Abbot Village, June, 7, 8, 1881. Sermon by Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, Luke 18: 3-11. The importunate widow.—and the publican and Pharisee.—Rev. Peter B. Thayer, John 14: 16, 17—The promise of the Comforter. Topics discussed.—The kind of preaching needed for the present time; what shall be done to arouse indifferent church-members; the use of creeds and catechisms; how shall we bring the young to the Sabbath School, and to the Sanctuary. The Lord's Supper administered.

REV. JAMES BYRON HAWES, ord. at Maitland, N.S. acting-pastor at Monson, supplying also at Abbot, from Nov. 6, 1880.

REV. JEHIEL S. RICHARDS, pastor at Dexter from June 23, 1877, dismissed by Council, July 12, 1880. Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, *Moderator*; Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Monson, *Scribe*. Ch. Mir. July 24.—a. p. at Waterford and North Waterford.



REV. HERBERT A. LORING, pastor of Cong'l Ch. of Foxcroft and Dover, from June 10, 1875, dismissed by Council Oct. 26, 1880. Rev. P. B. Thayer of Garland, *Moderator*; Rev. Alfred J. McGown of Orono, *Scribe*. Report Ch. Mir. Oct. 30. Farewell Discourse preached Nov. 17. Farewell Reception, Nov. 10. Installed pastor, Holbrook, Mass., May 10, 1881.

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, acting-pastor at Monson, from May 5, 1878, resigns Oct. 1880,—acting-pastor at Winslow, from Oct. 1880.

Thomas W. Minnis, from Bangor Seminary, supplied part of the year at Shirley.

Rev. John H. Gurney, pastor at Foxcroft and Dover, 1869-'75, now at Humboldt, Iowa.—Rev. Edward S. Palmer, pastor 1857-'81, dismissed Westhampton, Mass., and now is a resident at Gorham, Me.

Rev. P. B. Thayer, Garland, preached Sep. 5, 1880, the same sermon he preached 33 years ago at Garland, and the first he ever wrote. Ch. Mir. Sep. 11.

Died in Garland, Nov. 5, 1880, Mrs. Sally Merriam, æt. 88, the oldest member of the Church in G.— In Abbot, J. Warren Greenleaf, Dec. 1880, æt. 50. Ob. A. R. Ch. Mir. Jan. 12, 1881.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot Village, Washington W. Delano; Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, Enos W. Stickney; Dexter, C. P. Barrows; Foxcroft, and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Charles Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hecock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS, Abbot, Charles Foss; Atkinson, (Union School,) Russell Hart; Blanchard, James B. Packard; Brownville, Adams H. Merrill, 2d; Dexter, Augustus Cummings, Foxcroft and Dover, Edwin P. Sampson; Garland, Henry Murdock; Greenville, F. L. Sawyer; Monson, Dea. Gustavus B. Hecock; Sangerville, (Union School.)

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference*, C. H. B. Woodbury, *Treasurer*.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. James B. Hawes of Monson, *Scribe*. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in connection with the Kennebec Association, in Waterville, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Report p. 73.

THE FIFTY-EIGHT ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Madison, June 7, 8, 1881.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, John 3:2, "Now are we the sons of God" etc. Conference Sermon, by the Moderator, 2 Cor. 5:7, "We walk by faith, and not by sight." Topics discussed, 1. The Lord's Day,—how to preserve it and use it, so as to best serve the Christian Ch., opened by the Moderator. 2. Christian Temperance,—its claim upon the churches, and best method of promoting it,—opened by A. J. Rackliff. 3. The Revised New Testament,—its claim and proper use. 4. Sabbath Schools,—their relation to the church and to the family, depending on teaching and scholars for success,—opened by Rev. Richard M. Peacock, of Solon. 5. Responsibility of churches in relation to their own life, vigor and usefulness. 6. Conditions of prosperity in churches and their work. 7. Hindrances to success and how to be met.

8. Certainty of success where there is fidelity to the master, and his instructions. Report of the churches, by A. R. Bixby, Scribe. Prayer meetings at opening of the several sessions. The Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison.

"The attendance was larger than for many years before, and all went away feeling that it had been a profitable session, and that Madison is a good place to hold the Conference."

RICHARD MACQUEEN PEACOCK, (Bangor Seminary 1878,) ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, in Solon, June 23, '80. Records, Minutes 1880, p. 76

REV. WEBSTER WOODBURY, resigns at Skowhegan, May 1881, and goes to Gardiner to supply during the absence of Rev. Austin L. Park, in California.

ALMON J. RACKLIFF, (Bangor Seminary 1881) acting-pastor at Skowhegan, May, 1881.

Letter from Rev. Temple Cutler in the American Missionary for January 1880, from Charleston S. C., respecting the large proportion of colored people in the city, county and state.—They have a vote of 40,000 majority.—A Temperance movement has been commenced by the whites which promises well.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, W. Webster; Bingham, T. F. Houghton; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison East, David Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New, Portland North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Charles Jewett; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Anson, Frederick Bixby; Athens, Cleaveland Wade; Bingham, F. T. Houghton; Madison, Nathan Wood; Madison East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, R. C. Gray; New Portland North, Charles A. Wilber; Norridgewock, A. Kenniston; Skowhegan, Augustus R. Bixby; Solon, J. M. Pierce; South Solon, Calvin Jewett; St. Albans, A. E. Fuller.

Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Semi-annual meeting, which will be in union with the Kennebec Conference, will be held in Oct. 1881 in Winthrop. Next annual meeting in Skowhegan.

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.—See Kennebec and Somerset Association, p. 75.

## UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized at Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting Tuesday, previous to the second Wednesday in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last Tuesday in October, (two days.)

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Sweden, Oct. 26, 1880. Samuel H. Warren, of North Waterford, *Moderator*.—Sermons,—Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Fryeburg, [Esther 4: 14, Individual responsibility. Conference Sermon. Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford, John 1: 29 "Behold the Lamb of God."—Discussions.—How can the churches bring the preaching and the masses together; how can children be brought to the preaching service; Shall we give a little to every good object, or all to one or two important ones; family worship.—Is it taught in the scriptures; what is the spiritual benefit of family worship; what plans to promote a revival interest in this Conference ought the churches to adopt; how shall we deal with the hungry isms which are trying to pluck the rich clusters from our spiritual vines?

The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. K. Mason D. D. of Fryeburg, and William B. Hague, of South Bridgton.

"The meeting from beginning to end, was largely attended, and characterized with unusual interest." "The warm greetings and happy arrangements made, and bountiful supper given by the church in Sweden, added much to the comfort and interest of the meeting."

ORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Denmark.—Dea. J. of Lovell, *Moderator*.—Opening Sermon, Rev. William B. Hague, of Bridgton, Ps. 86: 6. "Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer" etc. Con-Sermon, Isaac H. Libbey, of Otisfield, Eph. 6: 13. "Take unto you the armor of God" etc.—followed by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, aded by Revs. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, and Osgood W. of Oridgton.

for remark:—1. The faith essential to success in the work of the church—sort of faith, (b.) on the part of whom? 2. What in the state of the are indications of substantial good, or encouragement. 3. Is religion to human welfare. 4. The best religion. 5. Who should be responsible for the maintenance of the ordinances of the christian religion, in every ity. 6. The best method of prosecuting the temperance cause by our s, that their work may contribute to a healthful growth in all the churches, and to their efficiency in every good work. 7. The great need just it the Gospel may be successful. 8. The children's claims on the 9. Christ's claims of the churches in behalf of the children. The re-the churches, presented by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, Registrar. meeting, Tuesday evening, at the opening of service, led by Rev. O. W.

meetings very interesting and profitable."

AM BAILEY HAGUE, of Pennsylvania, (Knox Coll. 1871, Yale Sem. ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church in South n, Sep. 30, 1880. Council met at 10 A. M., Rev. Albert Cole of Cornish, or. Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton, *Scribe*. Ordination Service m. Anthem by the choir, "The Lord is my light and my salvation!" In-n by Rev. John B. Trowbridge, of Standish: Reading of Scripture and Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford. Selection by the choir, "Great ord. and greatly to be praised."—Sermon by Rev. Javan K. Mason D. D. burgh, Acts 18: 9-10. "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace; n with thee," etc. Ordaining prayer, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell. 1064. (S. H. and Tune Book) "We bid thee welcome." Charge to the Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Brewer Village. Right hand of Fellow- by the Scribe. Hymn, "Spirit of peace, and holiness." Address to ople by the Moderator. Prayer, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North on. Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction tor.

he same Council, Rev. Holland B. Frye, pastor of this church from Oct. , was dismissed. Removed to Ohio.

JEHIEL SIMMONS RICHARDS, (Bowdoin 1872, Bangor, 1877) acting-pas-Waterford and North Waterford, from July 1880.

ISAAC HARDING LIBBEY, acting-pastor at Otisfield, and Casco, from , 1880. After leaving Stowe and Chatham, Feb. 1880, Mr. L. received a ssion from the Am. Home Miss'y. Society, to labor in Providence and le, Minnesota.

Dwight Porter Bliss, of Hartford Seminary, a son of the missionary Dr. s supplying Albany, from May 22, 1881.

Albert L. Payson closed his labors at Albany, Sept., 1880.

uth Bridgton, meetings are held, and pastoral work done in school dis-mote from the church. Daily meetings were held during the week of and subsequent thereto, in the church.

church in Fryeburgh, Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., has a card upon which scripture Lessons for the Wednesday evening prayer-meetings, and up-ther side, six resolutions to be adopted. 1. To hold the pledges of last red. 2. To remember that God desires that I "bear much fruit." 3. zealous for his word, and the welfare of his church. 4. To plan my duties so that they shall not interfere with my Religions. 5. To "press

forward to the mark for the prize." 6. To hold all I am, and possess as consecrated to the Lord.

Letters from Rev. Henry R. Davis, Japan, in Ch. Mir., Sept 4, and Nov. 27, '80.

Hannah K. Wyman, of Stowe, a member of the church in Fryeburgh, fifty years, died Feby. 4, 1881, æt. 85.—Joseph Knight in Otisfield, April 6, æt 79, one of the oldest members of the church in O., and greatly missed.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, J. H. Caswell; Bridgton North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton South, Thomas P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Moses S. Eastman; Denmark, Clara W. Davis; Fryeburgh, Mrs. George S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Enoch Gammon; Otisfield, W. W. Andrews, P. O. Norway; Stowe and Chatham, Joshua Fifield, Stowe; Sweden, Lewis Frost; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Lewis Smith; Bridgton North, Charles H. Gould; Bridgton South, Joseph O. Knapp; Brownfield, Joy L. Frink; Casco, Moses S. Eastman; Denmark, Dea. William F. Davis; Fryeburgh, Andrew H. Evans; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, John Pierce; Lovell, Dea. J. P. Cobb; Naples.—; Otisfield, S. G. Spurr; Stowe and Chatham, John Fifield; Sweden, Andrew Woodbury; Waterford, Leander G. Stone; Waterford North, Samuel H. Warren.

Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

UNION ASSOCIATION.—Organized in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834.—Meets the first Tuesday in March and Sept., and second Thursday in Dec. *Members*,—Minutes 1879, p. 93. Rev. O. W. Rogers, Bridgton, *Scribe.*

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Jackson, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Rev. Merrill Blanchard, of Winterport, *Moderator.* Opening sermon by the Moderator, Luke 2: 34, 35, Christ the Touchstone of human hearts.—Conference sermon, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, Gen. 11: 31, The danger of stopping at tarrying places by the way, and thus failing of our journey's end. Topics discussed:—1. How shall we interest the young in the sanctuary services and prayer-meetings; 2. What are the chief causes of weakness in our churches at the present time; 3. The church and its members; 4. The devotional element in our public services. Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y of the Maine Missionary Society, made remarks on the work of that Society. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. John A. Ross, of Belfast, and Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport. Three members were received to the church of Jackson and Brooks.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First church in Searsport, June 7, 8, 1881. Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary, John 18: 36, Christ's Kingdom different from the kingdoms of this world in its membership, aim and law. Conference sermon by the Moderator, Matt. 28: 18, Christ's supreme power used by Him for the extension of his Kingdom. Topics for discussion:—1. What is true christian consecration; 2. Christian benevolence; 3. Zeal for souls; 4. The duty of obeying God; 5. The privilege of serving Christ; 6. The constraining love of Christ.

**MERRILL BLANCHARD**, (Bangor Seminary, 1880.) ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, at Winterport, March 23, 1881, by a Council called by the churches in Winterport and Frankfort, at 2 P. M., Rev. John S. Sewall D. D., of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward C. Crane, of Holden, *Scribe*. Ordination services at 7:30 P. M. Opening exercises, by Rev. George Pratt, of the Methodist church. Hymn, "Go, preach my Gospel;" Sermon, Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor Seminary, 1 Cor. 2:1-5, "Jesus Christ and him crucified;" Ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; Charge, by the Scribe; Right-hand of fellowship, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport; Hymn and Prayer; Benediction by Rev. Merrill Blanchard.

After the adjournment of the Council in the afternoon, they were entertained by a bountiful collation provided by the Ladies Sewing Circle, where were also present the leading business men of the place, who, self-moved, had sent previously to the Ladies, a dozen nice silver forks, marked "Church."

The Second church, Searsport, supplied a portion of the year by Rev. B. B. Merrill, of the First church, a part of each Sabbath.

Frederick T. McLeod, Lic., supplied at Freedom, Sept. 26, 1880, to May 15, 1881, alternate Sabbaths. Rev. James J. Jones supplied a part of the year. Present P. O. Address, Williamstown, Mass.

Rev. Joseph St. John, formerly of Second church, Searsport, at Orion and out stations, Michigan.—Floyd E. Sherman, who supplied at Stockton, at Northampton and Belmont, Kansas.—Rev. Trueman A. Merrill, at North Belfast, 1860-63, goes from Wayland, Mass., (dis. April 6, 1881.) to Salisbury, Vt.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Maine, held its annual meeting in Belfast, Sept. 29, 30, 1880.

Mrs. Sarah Chase died in Brooks, at. 90. Ob. by E., Ch. Mir., July 8, '80.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Belfast, First church, Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast, North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, E. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, Rinaldo Elder; Jackson and Brooks, E. E. Morton, Jackson; Rockport, Jonas Merriam; Sandy Point, Mrs. Samuel French; Searsport, First Ch., Rev. B. B. Merrill; Searsport, Second church, J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Miss Helen Morrill.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Belfast, Augustus Perry; Belfast, North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, C. M. Brastow; Freedom, Joseph H. Brown; Frankfort, Hayward Pierce; Jackson and Brooks, Charles Croxford; Rockport, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow; Sandy Point, Robert S. Doe; Searsport, First church, George L. Merrill; Searsport, Second church, Mary A. Bailey; Unity, ———; Winterport, Frank Haley.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Frankfort, Oct. 4, 5, 1881. Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, Preacher.

**WALDO ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Four meetings in the year. *Members*, Minutes, 1879, p. 93. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday in October, at the first full of the moon.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Pembroke, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator*; Rev. George E. Chapin, of Jonesport, *Scribe*, p. t. Opening sermon, Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, Isa. 25: 9, The happy surprise to those who have waited for God. Conference sermon, Rev. George E. Chapin, John 3: 16, and Gal. 1: 4, The gifts of God, and of Christ to man. Topics discussed.—How can our church ser-

vices be made more attractive and useful. Family worship, and religious training of the young. Sabbath Schools,—their use and abuse. How to study the Bible. Missions. Temperance. Church work. Loyalty to the church, from its members,—1. to its material interests; to its doctrinal beliefs; 3. to its spiritual aims. A praise-service introduced the discussion of Tuesday evening. A letter was read from Miss Anna E. Farrington, our Home Missionary among the Freedmen. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. George W. Kell of Eastport, and Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, Deas. Wilson and Pott assisted. "The meeting was well attended,—the largest ever held in the Conference."

THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Milltown, N. B. June 7, 8, 1881. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, *Moderator*. After devotional exercises, there was a discussion on the objects of our Conferences; how best to promote them. Other topics, subsequently, were discussed. 1. How best to use the Bible, opened by Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennisville. 2. Upon what means should we chiefly depend for the growth of our churches, opened by the Moderator. The religious education of the young, opened by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennisville. On Tuesday evening the session was opened with a praise-service led by Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Milltown. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. The Washington County Bible Society held their annual meeting, Tuesday, P. M., Rev. C. G. McCully, President; Rev. C. Whittier, Scribe. During this hour, a large and interesting meeting of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies met in the vestry. The Conference held a prayer-meeting at 6 A. M., on Wednesday. The Conference sermon, by Rev. George Kelly, of Eastport, Acts 16: 9, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." The Lord's Supper observed, the Moderator and Rev. Charles Whittier officiating.

EDGAR MILLARD COUSINS, (Bowdoin 1877, Bangor 1880,) ordained and stalled pastor of the church in Cherryfield, June 9, 1880. Record, Minutes 1880, p. 80.

REV. EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS, (Bowdoin 1871, Yale Sem. 1878,) acting-pastor of the church in Milltown, N. B., from Nov. 1, 1879.

EVERETT LORENZO WALLBRIDGE, (Bangor Sem. 1881,) ordained to the work of the ministry at East Bangor, June 2, 1881, see Penobscot Conference p. 1. Mr. W. is acting-pastor at Millbridge.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN DENNISVILLE was observed Oct. 27, 1880. Historical address by the Pastor, Rev. Charles Whittier. Devotional exercises, Revs. R. P. Gardner, of Edmund and Charles G. McCully, of Calais. The church edifice was beautifully decorated.

At 6 P. M. a collation was served in the Hall. Letters were read from Rev. B. P. Reed, of Lubec, and Seth H. Keeler, of Somerville, Mass., former pastor at Calais, and reminiscences given by Dea. Peter E. Vose, Thomas E. Lincoln, Rev. C. G. McCully, Rev. R. P. Gardner and Pastor Whittier. For fifty years it has not been without a pastor; and of these there have been but three: Robt. Crossett, 1830-42, who died in Ohio, 1872, at 73; Josiah H. Stearns, 1844-46 now in Epping, N. H., and Charles Whittier, from 1860. Edward P. Baker was acting-pastor, 1858-60, now in California.

The first sermon preached in the settlement was by Father Jotham Sewa Sept. 24, 1801, Heb. 2: 3, On the Great Salvation. Another service was held on the first Sabbath in 1804, and again in October following. On the 27 of October, 1805, a church was organized of ten persons, eight males, and two females. The third church of any denomination organized in that part of the State. Rev. Plummer Chase came as a Missionary in 1824, and remained a year.

A Temperance Society was formed in 1828; a Sabbath School, 1829. May 3 monthly concert established 1831; first meeting-house dedicated, 1834, Nov. 1 parsonage, 1862.

The whole number of members, 289; present number, 111. There have been nine revivals of religion, especially in 1831, '34, '58, '78. The church has nine deacons.

The address and report of this anniversary was published in the *Eastport Sentinel*.

An impressive interest was attached to a service in the Franklin St. Cong'l church, Somerville, Mass., the Sabbath following the attack upon President Garfield, by the statement of Rev. Charles Whittier, then on his way to attend the reunion of the class of 1856, in Williams College, that President Garfield was also a member of the same class, and his associate in Gospel labor at a Mission school near by. He bore testimony to the devoted piety of the President in those days, and to his unselfish loyalty to Christ.

The re-dedication of the church edifice at East Machias occurred Nov. 21, 1880. Historical address, by Rev. Frederick E. Shaw. Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias. Letters were read from Revs. Henry G. Storer, of Scarborough, and George W. Kelley, who formerly supplied here, and from Rev. C. Whittier. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered at the close. Services were continued in the evening, with Bible readings, and reminiscences of former days.

About \$1,000 has been expended in plastering, frescoing, painting and providing new coal-furnaces, nearly the whole collected by the ladies.

REV. GEORGE E. CHAPIN resigns at Jonesport, and goes to Princeton, June, 1881.

REV. DANIEL GREENE, of Machias, supplied also, during the winter the pulpit at Machiasport.

REV. CHARLES G. MCCULLY, called to the pastorate of the Fort St. Church, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, but declines.

July 28, after the tables were made up, the following from Whitneyville was received from Dea. James Pope. Male members, 12; female, 24; total, 39. Non-Residents, 12; 1 death; 8 dismissed to a church in Minneapolis; one infant baptised; 70 in Sabbath School, which is well sustained and interesting. Contributions uncertain—Home Missions received something. Home expenditures,—no record of the amount. When no minister, we hold a service and read a sermon, and hold a church meeting.

The Congregational, Methodist and Baptist Churches, Machias, hold a Union Temperance meeting, on the third Sabbath evening of each month; alternating in each church.

Rev. Seth H. Keeler, former pastor at Calais, prepared a discourse for the Centennial Anniversary of the church in Mt. Vernon, N. H., of which he was once pastor, which is published.—Rev. James W. Kidder, in Perry, 1845, has a commission from the Am. Home Missionary Society for Burnett and Oakdale, Nebraska.—Rev. A. A. Ellsworth, in Lubec, 1860, gave an address on the 25th anniversary of the organization of the First church, Galesburg, Ill., of which he is now pastor, December, 1880.—Rev. Samuel L. Vincent, pastor in Pembroke, 1878-9, was ordained pastor at Peru, Vt., Oct. 30, 1880.

Mrs. Laura Poor, wife of Rev. Thomas T. Stone, pastor at East Machias, 1733-46, died in Bolton, Mass., Oct. 27, 1880, æt. 78. Ob. Ch. Mir.—Mrs. Henrietta Brewer, in Portland, Dec. 10, 1880, æt. 82. Formerly of Robbinston. She accomplished much good in her life. In Mein. Ch. Mir., Dec. 25.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts, p. t; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Dea. A. R. Willey; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias-East, Dea. S. T. Foster; Machiasport, Alvin N. Harmon; Marshfield, Mrs. Melissa L. Foss; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Mrs. Frances M. Pettengill; Perry, Joseph S. Rogers; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., Stephen H. Hitchings; Topsfield, M. J. S. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, James Pope, p. t.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SAABATH SCHOOLS.**—Alexander, (Union.) B. A. Strout; Calais, C. P. Robison; Cherryfield, Rev. E. M. Cousins; Cooper, (Union and Bible class.) Jason L. Doten; Dennisville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. George A. Peabody, p. t.; Jonesport, D. J. Sawyer; Machias, Dea. Charles F. Stone; Machias East, Austin Harris; Machias-port, Cyrus P. Sanborn; Marshfield, Ellery T. Smith; Milltown, Edward H. Balkham; Northfield, Stephen Smith; Pembroke, Ebenezer Wilder; Perry, Charles S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Topshfield, —; Whiting, Dea. James Gilpatrick; Whitneyville, A. C. Palmer.

Rev. Frederick E. Shaw, of East Machias, *Scribe of Conference*. Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next session, Oct. 4, 5, 1880, at Perry or Machiasport, at the call of the Scribe. First preacher, Rev. Daniel Greene; second, Rev. Charles G. McNilly.

**WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.**—reported in Minutes, 1852—1873. Meetings in June and October. Sub. Associations more frequently. Re-organized, June 12, 1878. *Members.*—Minutes, 1879, p. 94. Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennyville, *Scribe*.

## YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1822. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October, each continue two days.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**, was held with the church in Limerick, Oct. 19, 20, 1880, Rev. George N. Wilson, of Biddeford, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. David S. Hibbard, of Elliot, 2 Cor. 3: 18, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image" etc. Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk, John 8: 32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Topics for discussion.—1. How can the pulpit and the pew best unite their efforts to win souls. 2. Do the churches need more doctrinal preaching. 3. Christian character, (a) what is it? (b) what it does; (c) how is it obtained. 4. The relation of the church to the out-districts. 5. The practical use of our Conference, (a) to the church it meets with; (b) to the churches represented; (c) to the pastor. The ladies held a meeting in the vestry in behalf of the Maine Missionary Society, which was well attended. They propose to make an effort to establish an aid Society in every church. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, and the Moderator.

"The attendance was large, and an excellent spirit pervaded the meetings which were unusually earnest and enthusiastic."

**THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING**, with the First Church York, June 7, 8, 1881. Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford, elected *Moderator* for three years.—Sermon by Rev. George H. Wilson, of Biddeford, John 31: 35—37. The insufficiency of natural religion as respects the knowledge of self, of God, and of immortality. Report of the Churches by the Scribe. Topics discussed.—1. The Bible, (a) Why does it not have greater influence over the lives of Christians; opened by Rev. Henry T. Arnold of Wells. (b) The New Version—Why is a new version desirable; and what ought to be our attitude in the premises, toward it? opened by Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred. 2. The preached Gospel, (a) How shall the Gospel get a larger hearing; opened by Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells. (b) Why is the success of the preached Gospel so limited, and what is the remedy? opened by the Moderator. 3. The church—how shall its growth be promoted? (a) in respect to members, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman. (b) in respect to spirituality and influence, Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport.—Pastoral Address by Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick.

Prayer-meetings at the opening of each session.—Praise-meeting added, Tuesday eve. Sermon before the Communion, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of Buxton, 1 Cor. 2: 2, Christ and Him crucified. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Joseph Freeman, of York, and Alpha Morton, of Wells.



"The time all passed too quickly, and when we sat down to the Communion table before parting, we would fain have continued the feast."

REV. GEORGE AUGUSTUS LOCKWOOD, installed pastor of the Union Church of Christ, Kennebunk, May 20, 1880. See Record, Minutes 1880, p. 82.

REV. GEORGE HAYWOOD WILSON, installed pastor of the Second Church, Biddeford, June 22, 1880. See Record, Minutes, 1880, p. 82.

REV. ALPHA MORTON, (Bangor Sem'y 1852) acting-pastor of First Church, Wells, from October 24, 1880.

REV. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, (Bangor Sem'y 1851) acting-pastor at Buxton, and North Buxton, from May 1, 1881. Rev. Thomas M. Davies, was a. p. from May 1, 1880, to April 24, 1881.

REV. ZENAS CROWELL, (Bangor Sem'y 1875) acting-pastor at Cornish and Hiram, from June 5, 1881.

REV. HENRY A. FREEMAN, acting-pastor of First Church Biddeford, ordained Pastor at Old Town, October 13, 1880, p. 81.

REV. JONATHAN EDWARDS, resigned his charge at West Newfield, May 29 1881.

REV. ALBERT COLE, died in Cornish, Jan'y. 20, 1881, æt. 63. See Necrology.

REV. JOHN PARSONS, resides in Exeter, N. H., spending a few weeks every summer in Kennebunk.

THE DEDICATION OF THE MEETING-HOUSE IN ELLIOT, March 9, 1881. 1. Invocation by Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells. 2. Hymn 35, "Spiritual Songs for Church and choir."—"I love thy kingdom Lord." (*State St.*) 3. Reading the Scriptures, Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Salmon Falls, N. H., 1 Kings 8: 22-52. 4. Statement concerning the building, and funds for furnishing the vestry. Total Receipts, \$3500. 5. Prayer by Rev. David B. Sewall, of York. 6. Hymn, 760. "O thou whose our vast temple stands." (*St. Martins.*) 7. Sermon by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Ps. 84: 10. "A day in thy courts, is better than a thousand" etc. 8. Dedictory Prayer, by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, Sec. Maine Missy. Society. 9. Hymn 777. "Arise O King of grace, arise" (*Antioch.*) 10. Benediction, Rev. David S. Hibbard acting-pastor. Evening.—Praise-meeting—and Sermon by Rev. J. E. Adams.

Mr. Edward Kimball was at Elliot, July 25, 1880, and with Abraham Hill of New York, raised money enough to rebuild and furnish the new church edifice. —John B. Hanscom, a veteran of 80 years, furnished a half-ton bell, the carpenters were the gift of a citizen of Brooklyn, N. Y.; the ladies of Elliot raised \$150, by a fair and sale, towards furnishing the vestry.

The church edifice in Lebanon has been thoroughly re-modeled, painted and frescoed; has a new pulpit and chandelier.

The church edifice of South Sanford to be repaired, and a bell provided, when enough is subscribed in money, material and labor.

The parsonage of the First Church Kennebunk-port, was burned April 12, 1881. It was not occupied. Loss \$1000.

The church in Saco have a choir of thirty children's voices to aid in the service of song.

Rev. John T. Blades, at Saco 1877, was installed pastor at Campbello, Mass., Sept. 14, 1880.—Rev. Joseph R. Bourne, at Scarboro 1863-65, called to New Sharon, Conn., October, 1880.—Rev. Benson M. Frink, Saco 1870, resigns at Hamilton, Mass., April, 1881.—Rev. John H. Garmon, pastor at Limington, 1847-55, resigns at North Orange, Mass.—Rev. Silvanus Hayward, pastor at South Berwick, 1866-73, accepts a call to Southbridge, Mass.—Rev. Charles B. Rice, pastor at Saco, 1859-61, State Senator, 1881, from the Fifth District, Mass.—Rev. William H. Woodwell, Wells, First church, 1873-75, was at San Francisco, Feb. 16, on his way to the Sandwich Islands, where he is to preach in the district of Kau.

Mrs. Lizzie Trafton, died in South Berwick, Aug. 29, 1880, *act.* 30. *Ob.* Ch. Mir., Sept. 11.—Miss Clara W. Hubbard, in Limington, Nov. 30, *act.* 63. *Ob.* by pastor, Ch. Mir., Jan. 1, 1871.—Mrs. Caroline, wife of Rev. Samuel Hopkins, pastor at Saco, 1836-44, in Northampton, Mass., Feb. 26, *act.* 67. *Ob.* Ch. Mir., Feb. 26.—Mary Grace, wife of Rev. John T. Blades, at Saco 1877, in Campbell, Mass., March 6.—Mrs. Ann Whittier, widow of Rev. Samuel Johnson, pastor at Alna and Saco, and Agent and Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society in Brunswick, March 25, *act.* 83. Notice by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Ch. Mir., July 9.—Dymon Roberts, Esq., in Limington, May 2, *act.* 71. Clerk of the church and leading member. *Ob.* G. F. T., Ch. Mir., May 14.—Mrs. Serena W., widow of Rev. George W. Campbell, pastor in South Berwick, 1824-28, in Geneva, Switzerland, June 1, *act.* 75. For more than half a century a consistent and devoted christian; having united with the Second Cong'l church, Kennebunkport in 1827. *Ob.* A. W., Ch. Mir., July 9.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Secretary for York County S. S. Convention, gathered statistics and facts of all the Sabbath Schools in the County of all denominations.

The Young Men's Christian Association, of York County, held a quarterly session at South Waterboro, Jan. 11, '81.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, First ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford, Second ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion ch., Rev. Edward Chase; Buxton, South, A. K. P. Meserve; Buxton, North, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Alexander Shapleigh; Kennebunk, Union, Dea. Joseph Titcomb; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, P. A. Twombly; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody; Lebanon Center; Limerick, Rev. David L. Jones; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, David Goodwin; Newfield West, Dea. E. H. Symes; Parsonfield, H. G. O. Smith; North Parsonfield; Saco, James W. Littlefield; Sanford, Prescott Emery; Sanford South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, (James Coffin); South Berwick, Rev. George Lewis; Wells, First ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second ch., John Goodwin; York, First ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Acton, Bodwell J. Grant; Alfred, John M. Akers; Biddeford, First ch., —; Biddeford, Second, E. H. Staples; Biddeford, Pavilion, E. S. Morris; Buxton North, J. Hill; Buxton South, Arthur S. Towle; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Dr. C. H. Gubtill; Kennebunk Union, Rev. George A. Lockwood; Kennebunkport First, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport South, Palmer A. Twombly; Kittery, M. E. Berry; Lebanon, Samuel Shapleigh; Limerick, George Swasey; Limington, W. Scott Small; Lyman, Jacob Smith; Newfield West, Dr. E. G. Reynolds; Parsonfield, J. G. Wedgwood, (Union); Saco, B. N. Goodale; Sanford, Dea. George Gower; Sanford South, James L. Tripp; Shapleigh, —; South Berwick, John H. Plumer; Wells, First, Barak Maxwell; Wells, Second, George W. Littlefield; York, First, John E. Staples; York, Second, Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Rev. William S. Thompson, Acton, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Center Lebanon, Oct. 18, 19, 1881.

YORK ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 94. Rev. Benj. P. Snow, Alfred, *Scribe*.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, N. H., formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe*.

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Silas Baker.....	Standish.....	1832, March	7
Thomas E. Brastow.....	Rockport.....	1865, October	11
Philip Bunnell.....	Phillips.....	1828, June	3
Jonas Burnham.....	Farmington.....	1858, July	28
Almon W. Burr.....	Hallowell.....	1875, July	27
John J. Carruthers, D. D....	Portland.....	1819, June	8
Calvin Chapman.....	Kennebunk-port.....	1842, December	8
Ephraim C. Cummings.....	Portland.....	1858, March	17
David Q. Cushman.....	Bath.....	1838, February	7
Francis B. Denio.....	Bangor.....	1881, January	11
Henry V. Emmons.....	Hallowell.....	1859, Nov.	13
Samuel L. Gould.....	Bethel.....	1839, October	23
Henry F. Harding.....	Hallowell.....	1855, October	17
Charles G. Holyoke.....	Yarmouth.....	1878, December	18
Henry H. Hutchinson.....	Auburn.....	1869, August	31
L. Ives Hoadley.....	Warren.....	1823, October	15
Horatio Hsley.....	South Freeport.....	1837, October	26
William V. Jordan.....	Saco.....	1836, Sept.	13
Marcus R. Keep.....	Ashland.....	1847, January	4
George S. Kemp.....	Brooksville.....	1856, February	28
Thomas N. Lord.....	Limerick.....	1837, August	10
Amasa Loring.....	Yarmouth.....	1842, January	15
Henry S. Loring.....	Winthrop.....	1850, June	20
Joseph Loring.....	East Otisfield.....	1833, Sept.	10
George S. Osborn.....	Springvale.....	1836, December	18
Edward R. Osgood.....	Bluehill.....	1871, October	24
Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D.	Brunswick.....	1850, May	16
Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D....	Bangor.....	1861, October	9
Edward S. Palmer.....	Gorham.....	1856, January	2
Wooster Parker.....	Belfast.....	1832, Sept.	29
Samuel W. Pearson.....	Brunswick.....	1870, November	9
Prof. Enoch Pond, D. D....	Bangor.....	1815, March	1
Amos Redlon.....	Hallowell.....	1842, July	7
Charles J. H. Ropes.....	Bangor.....	1877, August	15
Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D....	Bangor.....	1859, April	20
Alfred L. Skinner.....	Bucksport.....	1854, January	27
Joseph Smith.....	Bangor.....	1842, November	10
Lewis F. Stearns.....	Bangor.....	1873, October	14
Henry G. Storer.....	Scarboro.....	1850, March	03
Prof. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.	Bangor.....	1836, December	7
Daniel D. Tappan.....	Weld.....	1826, November	14
Sewall Tenney, D. D....	Ellsworth.....	1831, August	10
Stephen Thurston, D. D....	Searsport.....	1826, August	9
Stephen Titcomb.....	Farmington.....	1855, June	6
Israel P. Warren, D. D....	Portland.....	1842, April	20

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Eph. 4. 1-3 "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Mark 9. 38-40. "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. And Jesus said 'Forbid him not; for there is no man which shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me: For he that is not against us is for us.'"

Brethren and fathers of the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine:

It is our privilege to assume that we assemble to-day with mutual "long suffering, forbearing one another in love, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Our thought, at the same time, extends itself to the wide fellowship of the Christian church beyond the lines of our political commonwealth, or to those who, within our geographical limits, are not here officially represented. It is my pleasant task to set before your attention the application of our principles of fellowship to the practicable and recognizable unity of the entire body of believers.

The Apostles made a mistake quite natural for them when they undertook to prohibit a person, not of their own number, from performing functions which seemed to belong exclusively to Christ's immediate followers. They started from a false theory, viz.: that his visible kingdom was to be a formal organization which should include in itself all that were his, under one evident and outward administration. That misapprehension exists now and will remain till spiritual conceptions are more prevalent.

Our Lord's direction was, "Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a mighty work in my name and be able quickly to speak evil of

me." "He that is not against us is for us," is the principle which I desire to present on this occasion, as it applies to many and extensive relations of Christian churches.

I. We have no trouble in recognizing the unity of the churches which we represent, though each one maintains its own individuality and authority. It is the advantage of our principle of the relation of churches that we apply it to all the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, and are able, thereby, to perceive that unity which, upon other theories, is admitted as desirable but not considered practicable. For we hold that the lines of demarcation of churches are often only conventional and might exist, even in a more perfect state of Christianity, without injury.

1. That national lines, for instance, do not divide churches is illustrated upon a good scale in Presbyterianism which includes some churches still national in the sense of being established by law and maintained by the state. General Assemblies are distinguished from one another by national lines for administrative convenience. But these national distinctions are artificial so far as the church at large is concerned, and practically disappear when Pan-presbyterianism makes illustrious at once the greatness of her fellowship and the wholesome naturalness of our principles as extended to a wide circumference. The Presbyterian churches of America, Scotland, Switzerland are one in any sense which is necessary either for usefulness or to satisfy harmonious Christian thought; though they call no man master upon earth, for one is their Master even Christ.

The idea of the essential oneness of the different national churches existed at the Reformation and was accepted in the Protestant countries. Their leaders, administering by different methods, took counsel and acted together as those engaged in a common cause. Cranmer, the first Protestant Archbishop in England, called divines from the continent to help him compose formularies for the church, and train ministers at Oxford and Cambridge. This was representative of the spirit of the age, and of theories that prevailed up to the time of Laud and Charles II. That such spirit is not extinct in the national churches in our day was shown when the late Dean Alford of Canterbury made public recognition of the German Church and when his successor Dean Smith, at the Evangelical Alliance in New York, made similar recognition of American Christianity as represented at the communion service of a Presbyterian Church. This was prevalent Anglicanism



for more than a century after the Reformation ; it is respectable, official and consistent, though we can not say predominant, Anglicanism now. Here is the language of the present Archbishop of Canterbury. "The church of Christ throughout the world would be deprived of a large portion of its worshippers if we left out of sight our Christian brotherhood, non-Episcopal congregations at home, and the overwhelming mass of such congregations in the United States of America. Thus, I trust, we English churchmen are learning more and more to realize once again that great idea which was so powerful of old to stir men's hearts and make them help each other—that there is a vast community, cemented by their faith and principle, which, amid all national and other special differences, joins together the whole body of those who worship God in Christ."

In our own country the transference of different national churches to the common soil of the new world presented in a fresh form the question of Catholicity. The churches of England, Scotland and Holland must, consistently with the idea of national churches, acknowledge each other on common ground as of equal validity. But this was, under the circumstances, to acknowledge the right of self-government, and involved the abandonment of any claims of exclusiveness on the part of the representatives of any church. We see therefore that the mere national idea of the church, does not interfere with the realization of the unity of the churches, but rather leads to the catholic and general acceptance of the free and equal and harmonious Church of Christ.

2. In like manner we need to note how doctrinal differences fail to complete the division and isolation which they seem to promise.

The history of christianity abounds with varied peculiar tendencies of thought which arise and extend, threatening to mislead and subvert ; which run their course of generations or centuries, withdraw from sight, re-appear, producing again alarm and conflict ; while the faith of Christ's followers preserves a substantial continuity. Those whose learning includes Christian theology, in its general extent, have the vagaries of thought considerably classified. And so when an apparently original speculation presents itself appealing with plausibility to the uncertain, the curious, and the enterprising, the man of learning assigns it to its appropriate pigeon-hole. He knows how Sabellian thought, for instance, has heretofore offered itself to the satisfaction of Christian thinking, and the influence which it has exerted without preventing substantial assent to the Nicene creed.

He expects asceticism, varying inversely according to the corruption of the times, various in its forms of application to practical life, at one time dictating a theory which shrinks in horror from the idea that the Son of God could be linked to so corrupt a thing as a real human body, or again rejoicing at the transfiguration of a spirit, because liberated from this mortal frame, the source of all its woes. He is not amazed at perfectionist theories that dictate a severely restricted and slavishly introspective life, giving place to abnormal self-satisfaction and followed by antinomian license. These courses of thought and phases of character have occurred before; they will come again. Christ's Church in a world of sin can never be long at rest. It will take peculiar forms and these, in such proportions, as to seem threatening to its very existence. But the self-purifying power of his religion is most remarkable.

Controversies are always deplored; but the more one contemplates the working of controversy, the more plain does it become that it is indispensable. Were it not for too rigid organizations it would accomplish its work more rapidly at much less cost of crystalized discomfort to the church at large, and distribute its benefits among the whole body of believers. As it is, he has little intimacy with denominations beyond his own who has failed to discover a unity that asserts itself and joins hands even over fences labelled close communion; which often, with Christian inconsistency, maintains a form of exclusion and denies its substance.

II. Some practical duties arising from this principle deserve our attention. A few illustrations have been presented of the possible, historical, and actual harmony of churches, which, without any visible head, and apparently separated by conventional lines, national, doctrinal or administrative, have been and are in substantial agreement. This is the practical acceptance of the principle of the text, "He that is not against us is for us."

1. There needs, accordingly, to be a large recognition of Christianity historically. Moderate acquaintance with the great currents of Christian thought gives an enlarged conception of the comprehensiveness of the faith. The sight of the various phases which worship and belief have assumed cultivates a power to discern, as by new instinct, the essence of Christian principle and the permanent truth amid varying forms. The history of the church does not enslave us to its methods. Neither the twelfth century, with its priestly power, holding with firm hand the young, rude, strong civilization; nor the fourth century with its mor-

moderate ecclesiasticism ; nor the sixteenth century, eager to attain pure doctrine and the rights of conscience and worship, comes to us with any dictatorial force to prescribe our form of thought after the peculiar pattern of its own. That which was distinctive in any of them, and is also convenient to our needs we may apply ; that which was evanescent we do not need to reproduce ; that which was erroneous we do not need to defend ; but, as we compare them, that which was essential comes into recognition. We perceive the succession and continuity, not of offices, or organization, or customs, but of faith and loyalty existing from the first until now.

2. A recognition of Christianity in its geographical largeness is equally important. The church universal is not only the church of all time, but of every land. Fallen under ruinous governments ; befogged with multitudinous traditions ; encumbered with excessive forms by patronage, pomp, or fashion ; or impoverished by ambition, it exists within all these a faith and a life. As it cannot be excluded by any quarantine, so it cannot be monopolized by any arrogance. No nation contains it. Under forms almost as numerous as the speech of Christian lands, with traditions as various as the varying centuries through which they have come down, it is the Church of Christ. Delicate and sympathetic perceptions are often necessary and they are competent for its discovery. Where chilling breezes prevail and it must needs be sought for in the shelter of mosses and bedded leaves, it is still to be found, modest in color and redolent with the breath of life's morning.

3. This extensive recognition of the Church Universal assumes the recognition of each of its constituents. No one of these embodies the whole of Christianity. Any one by itself appears at a disadvantage, especially if it be contemplated as antagonistic to the rest. As no individual man is perfect, or sufficient for close scrutiny in the light of mutual antipathies, and, yet as an individual factor of humanity, must be recognized, so no one phase of the Christian church wholly satisfies us. Churches vary greatly in value ; it is to be expected that some will have exceedingly little. As some phases of historic Christianity have disappeared and others exist only as distorted remnants, so we may assume that, in the restlessness and strivings of humanity, each age will see some peculiar religious phenomenon which will have little or no merit. But the large sympathy with Christianity as such, will naturally produce a sensitive fellow-feeling for each provincial and peculiar type of Christian believer.

We need not be in haste to disown these. All of Christianity is so identified, that what affects a part affects the whole; if one member suffers all the members suffer with it. We are, to a certain extent, made responsible for the peculiarities of those over whom we have no direct influence. Nor can we wholly free ourselves from the responsibility. Members of Christ's family must often endure that to which they do not assent. The traveller in a foreign land may be mortified at the speech or manners of his compatriot whose nationality however he may not deny, and whose peculiarities or advances he may only draw the more attention to by rejecting. It does not do to cast a man aside because he is ignorant, or because he uses bad grammar, and says and does that which, unhappy in the manner, is yet not irreconcilable with Christian principles. Neither do we hasten to disown a church because it runs athwart that which we approve.

4. Over-sensitiveness on account of that which is open to objection is a weakness. Many hasten to denounce the things they disapprove, in a way which has the effect, not so much of correcting the thing objected against, as of purchasing the personal favor of opponents. Those who otherwise might seem to belong to Christ's wide kingdom are not distinguished from the scoffer, but rather, in zeal to avoid his taunts, surpass him in the fury of the attack. False and weak pride which led Peter to deny his Lord, may lead one disciple to deny another. Such pride affects people in companies and may lead entire churches thus to compromise themselves. There is something unwholesome when a church boasts that it has none of the ignorant, unfashionable or even superstitious. Timidity may assume the air of large mindedness; no valorous enough to defend itself, nor patient enough to endure obloquy it joins with the assailants.

Not a few of recent declarations of outspoken infidelity have been long familiar to us, in the voice of a fortunately limited number of pulpits, and differ not so much in bitterness as in wit. Now, if we assume that these pulpits are entitled to the name Christian, it is quite safe to say that they can not afford to express themselves concerning Christians or their beliefs or practices in such a way as to leave it an open question whether they are Christian.

5. It is plain that it is the office of each church of Christ to advance the piety and peace of each other. It is plain that whatever gain one secures at the expense of another, is no gain to the Kingdom of God, but a loss rather. Neither the right of Christians to set themselves free

from repressive authorities, nor a large toleration implies the division of Christ's kingdom into factions each striving to build itself up without regard to the welfare of the kingdom in its entirety, or without regard to the honor of each of the elements which may constitute the entire body. There is much ecclesiastical management which really assumes and implies the right and the desirability of supplanting. Ambitious schemes are formed not adapted to the general good. Churches are established in communities where ecclesiastical competition was sufficiently high without them, where there was no local demand for the new institution, where there was no extreme one-sidedness which called for correction, where the new comer has no prospect or hope of gaining adherents save by alienating from churches already existing, either through public criticism or private solicitation or both, and yet we find such applicants do not hesitate to claim from those with whom they would interfere not only toleration but support, presenting themselves as objects of charity and as deserving sympathy and encouragement. Meantime they remain ready to profit by a neighbor's misfortunes when those may happily appear.

Now we must expect that individual zeal will go beyond the proper measure of good judgement and charity, and in its excesses be the object of kindly toleration. But the systematic appeal to the mere spirit of faction is something to be protested against in the name of general Christianity. This is a needless encumbrance upon Christian energies. It is an unseemly spectacle that leads men to look upon Christian institutions, not as vehicles of good to men, but only as social enterprises competing for patronage. The succession of trifling inventions to attract attention, the assiduous following of newspaper editors, the constant notices of special attractions like a dry goods store, flattering personal attentions bestowed upon any body who will encourage them, but particularly upon those who may have advantages social or pecuniary, and a more or less frank importunity towards people whose religious affiliations are at least tolerable—these do not comport with the objects of a Christian church—in using these expedients the real object is liable to pass out of notice. The methods of such appeal are sure to be offensive, because the whole object and intention is unjustifiable. A false position assumed, compels a resort to means which it is proper to resent.

Each element of the church must justify its existence by making itself felt as a power of good, strengthening the convictions and the spiritual earnestness of the entire Christian body within the range of its in-

fluence. If its special peculiarities are asserted at the expense of the general good repute, peace, and prosperity of the church, the cost is out of proportion to the profit.

6. Loyalty to Christ is most honorably manifested by loyalty to his kingdom in the particular form with which we are familiar. For it is easy to be very charitable and amiable about controversies which existed long ago, or toward peculiarities which never assert themselves to our inconvenience; but the thing of practical difficulty and value is to be patient and true to Christ's kingdom as it exists about us. It is easy to talk mildly of the Greek church, and to acknowledge generously all the virtues of the Nestorians, while having nothing but derision for Christianity as it prevails among us. The apostle James asks of loving God and man how it is, if we fail to love men whom we do see, we can love God whom we do not see; in the same way it may properly be asked how we can practice a true loyalty to Christ's kingdom as a whole, if we stand in opposition to Christ's kingdom as it exists about us. A masterful sympathy and identity with the surrounding Christianity is of far more practical value than any admiration for remote forms and traditions. That is not Catholicity.

7. Is this then a demand for mutual recognition among all so-called churches? Not necessarily. We do not esteem it a matter essential to the being or prosperity of a true church that it be acknowledged by other churches, though this is an advantage.

If an essentially infidel organization assume the Christian name and demand recognition, we may not perceive this to be either duty or privilege. Evidently the easiest way to invade Christian belief, is to label unbelief as a new form of Christianity, and securing recognition, advance it as such. So far forth as a so-called church is really hostile, it has no claims upon us.

Some sensible things are reported from Dr. Peabody on this subject: "Those to whom the Christ of the gospels is a congeries of myths, or a development of humanity which our age is outgrowing, or but one of a galaxy of wise and holy men, cannot honestly call themselves Christians, and we do them no kindness by abetting them in their falsity. Were it not that 'the foundation of God standeth firm,' they would bear the same relation to its corner-stone which Sampson bore to the pillars of the house of Dagon. We are no more bound to affiliate ourselves with them, than with the followers of Mohammed, or of Confucius, or of Buddha, who stands in fully as close an affinity as they to the Christian

commonwealth." This seems to imply the propriety of restricting Christian fellowship to those who make an intelligible avowal of Christianity; and happily this does not stand alone among recent indications.

Sometimes churches adopt a position so equivocal and confused as to leave us no course but that of careful, if kindly silence. But generally we find such questions answered for us. On the one side are those who wholly disown and will have nothing to do with us—they we can let alone. On the other side are those who, demanding every Christian courtesy and active aid, use toward us and our faith largely the language of derision. We cannot reply in kind. We can argue with them so far as legitimate discussion will receive a hearing, but fellowship with them is, to say the least, awkward. You may forgive the man who speaks ill of you, your wife and children; but you can not invite him to repeat this in your home; nor can you welcome him there till he gives you reason to believe that he can be trusted either to your face or behind your back. There is a certain compensation in that bitterness which is launched against the churches of Christ, that its utterance is a useful and safe indication as to the presence or absence of a true catholicity or loyalty to the church of Christ as a whole. It labels those who utter it. If a man does not respect my type of Christianity in his own pulpit, he does not belong in mine. If he proclaims himself to be apart from me let him accept his own judgement. Happily this difficulty tends to correct itself. The spirit of faction wears itself out in many cases and leaves the essential unity plain. When the paint rubs off, the real grain appears. Generally where people are one with Christ they wish to be one with his people. And where they have true sympathy with his people, they will not be willing to occupy permanently the position of accusers of the brethren. In our age we have the pleasure of seeing this process going on before our eyes.

III. It will be proper in the third place to give a little attention to the churches with which we are more particularly associated, considering how we put these principles into practice.

1. The loyal adherence of free churches to the faith and honor of the Church universal is of great value. This as a fact is occasion of profound gratification. The length of time in which ecclesiastical freedom has been enjoyed, and the extent in numbers of those churches, which, with the power of a contrary choice, yield a permanent loyalty to the faith of the one Church universal, we look upon as an important evidence of the practicability of our polity. The cases in which this liberty

has been abused are not sufficiently numerous to give us alarm, paralleled as they are by equally noticeable and abundantly more serious defection under the so-called stronger systems; while the general success in the maintenance of pure doctrine, simple devout worship, and reasonable strictness of life gives us great satisfaction. And we consider this testimony to the Great Head of the Church to be increased in emphatic value by its untrammelled freedom.

2. Our relation to the general Church is indeed open to misunderstanding as well as abuse, and misunderstanding among ourselves as well as among those whose conceptions of order are different. For it is the cast of the radical mind to deny all obligation to the thought of others. Your radical in the church has supposed that he owed nothing to the Church universal either in its past or in its present. And we consider it further cause of congratulation that, in the prevalence of this type of mind our churches should have been so largely in accord with the Church catholic. The dominant desire to be loyal to Christ has preserved in the years of isolation the essential unity with his people everywhere. It is a welcome discovery to many a saint that, where he had supposed himself so much alone, he really belongs with such a numberless multitude.

3. If our position as to Christian liberty is misunderstood among ourselves it is not remarkable that it should be subject to the misconception of opponents. The whole idea of Protestantism, indeed, is now misused in certain quarters where there is as little sympathy with Protestantism as with Catholicism. Under cover of a compliment to the former, an interpretation is coolly assumed which would have horrified the martyrs of 300 years ago. The representation that the Reformation was an attempt to get away from obligations to the Church, is a groundless assumption, calculated to transfer to mere destructives the prestige of that great movement, which was rather the Church's attempt to free itself from evil domination and to be true to itself.

In like manner do we reject the imputation that a Puritan movement was in the license of self assertions. Robinson declared his church was ready to go back to England if it could remain without subjection or persecution. They had no designs on others; they sought to worship God. Freedom with them, was not an end but a means. Their position did not involve, even by implication, a destructiveness toward Christianity or its legitimate institutions.

4. A simple relation of churches is favorable to catholicity. Self-government is not to be mistaken for isolation. It is found that very effective



loyalty can exist without the insignia of power and the pageantry of kings. Equally, Christian loyalty requires no organic unity and no functionaries to represent it. If organic unity seems at first to help any to a wider conception, it serves at length to restrict that idea to its own limits ; while those who are free from such restrictions reach out in sympathy and understanding to the larger circle of the Church universal. The farther the churches get away from the Copernican theory that puts self in the centre about which all things revolve, the more competent they are to perceive the meaning and the order of Christ's universe. This is a far grander and more inspiring idea than that of a visible organization. We belong to the Church universal. The Church of the past is ours with its contests in effort to formulate truth, and to administer its affairs worthily, to set itself free from the incubus of unsympathetic and corrupting dominations ; the Church of the present, which has not yet learned to use aright its liberties, unable to keep its smaller souls from quarreling over subsidiary interests or from pursuing their own little schemes, yet reaching out with unprecedented benevolence and energy to ameliorate human conditions, and carry its truths into the regions beyond—the Church of the present, is ours ; the Church of the future, whose peculiar type is yet strange to us, which (we may believe) will, like the Church of to-day, be itself in something of transition, adapting itself not without difficulty to changed states of society, grappling with new questions, agitating new reforms ; the one great Church of the ages is ours.

The more clearly the purpose of the incarnation is appreciated and the more the mind expands toward an apprehension of Christ's kingdom in its immeasurable comprehensiveness, the more modest do Christians become in special claims concerning the arrangements thereof which are in their hands, convenient but provisional. And, per contra, the less our eyes are filled with those elements of our Lord's kingdom which are human, earthly, temporal, the more clearness of open vision we have to behold the extent and the grandeur of his present accomplishments, and his remaining promises.

5. Accordingly we decline to be crowded within moulds made for us. We inherit much from the days when ecclesiastical liberty for the sake of purity and faith first asserted itself, and in this much that is very good : the models of the 16th and 17th centuries are our possession, but not our masters. The symbols and beliefs of the Reformation days are ours to look upon with respect and to learn from with humility. They hold us both by the grandeur of their assertions and by their inherent values ; but we do not worship them.

You have, perhaps, heard some severe judgment expressed upon some church of our order which has housed itself in an edifice of rather florid gothic, to which (it was asserted) a Congregational church has no right. And why no right? If it be good we have a right to it. Whether we want it is another question, and whether our churches do wisely and well to shut themselves into so much of darkness and long-drawn aisles. Our calling is not to revel in traditions and busy our mind and fingers with ecclesiastical *bric-a-brac*. Piety is none the better to us for being modelled in the style of some long-departed queen.

But we to-day are not obliged to spurn all which, by association, was odious to our ancestors. Whatever is good of method or of worship we are entitled to. There is a misconception in this matter. Self-government in the church was not asserted for the sake of a specific method, but to get rid of a domination which, by its total influence, was prejudicial to Christian faith and morals. Of course, in time of conflict and persecution, all the salient peculiarities of the persecuting power become odious. It is doubtful now whether there will ever again be the attempt to impose them upon us by mere force. If, in the exercise of our judgment and free choice, we adopt modes of worship unusual among us, we are competent. The liturgies of the early church are ours as surely as its creed or as the oldest Bible manuscripts. Whether they are of real value to us, whether we want them, is very questionable—our right to them is indisputable. If we think it best on the whole to observe an annual memorial of Christ's crucifixion, there is nothing to prevent. Now is there anything in our constitution to prevent the adoption of various devices that encumber the celebration of His rising, except a religious sense of propriety.

We are elastic enough, it is to be hoped, and tolerant enough to affiliate, though a church in one place falls into ways of stateliness in worship where that is germane to the character of the people and not a pompous affectation; and a church elsewhere is more informal, spontaneous and, if you will, demonstrative; while neither insists that its way is the method and measure of Christian worship. But this elasticity and local freedom does not imply the right of advocating individual preferences by the disparagement of that which is generally accepted.

Occasionally some one asks sincerely, "what are the peculiar Congregational beliefs?" And what can the reply be? We have no peculiar dogma which distinguishes us from other Christians; we are only independent churches, accepting the Bible and the main features of Christian

relief in all the centuries, receiving without violent change the statements of Christian truth as they have come to us from Reformation and Post-reformation controversies. But we have no peculiar tenets to press. This is as it ought to be, and we remain in no haste to depart from faith in Christ as it is held by the Church General, though ready to grow with its growth and strengthen with its strength.

6. The consciousness of identification, with the Church universal is recognized by many men who, among uncertainties, prefer what is called the catholic theology to their own immaturities or to the vagaries of their decade. A wise moderation in this matter is to be commended. It is right that our churches should decline to compromise themselves with men whose theology is a pugnacious self-assertion. And it is equally right to use much forbearance with those who, acknowledging the limitation of their investigations and conclusions, show themselves disposed with modesty and catholicity to preach and observe the faith of the Church.

It is said that a good many honored and useful men are not very clear theologians ;—and there is some truth in the statement. There are probably men both in the pew and in the pulpit whose denomination is decided for them by other considerations than those of profound and exhaustive thought. We may say they are prejudiced and sometimes they may be. A man is not altogether to be despised because his heart supplements his head. A Christian is not to be undervalued if in points of uncertainty, his loyalty to the church in its history, in its extent, in the form in which he knows it, appeals to him persuasively and decisively. A deficient sense of the rights and claims of the catholic thought—in other words—a defective catholicity makes it impossible for some to understand how men of fearless inquiry, critical acumen, extensive research choose to serve God and their fellowmen in the ranks of orthodoxy. The conclusion is jumped to that a humble and patient service is due to self-interest, not because these are the facts to warrant such a conclusion, but because the whole trend of thought in such men is misconstrued. They are not opposed to the Church of Christ and they will not accept a position where the chief work is criticism and opposition.

It is equally right that the churches should consent to the attitude of those who reach out in fair inquiry for the understanding and statements of the theology of the future, insisting only that they shall not recklessly destroy the known and the good, but supplement and amend it with the better. The belief of the Christian Church is the safe and natural starting

point (we do not say "of departure.") but of progress in the expansion of Christian thought.

In like manner we are not abandoning our convictions when we meet with more than courtesy those whose gravity and spirituality and devotion to Christ are as distinct as in the case of some men well known and honored among us, who seem in statements and affiliations to be opposed to us, and whose names nevertheless appear among our characteristic publications, and whose candor and christian spirit make them noticeably welcome in our assemblies. In this also our churches are wise and consistent. This is fulfilling as best we can the instruction of the text "Forbid him not, for there is no man which shall do a mighty work in my name and be able quickly to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us."

7. Such is the satisfactory position of our churches, free, not with the idea of license but that we may be subject to no dominations unfavorable to simplicity and spirituality; elastic, to continually deliver ourselves from the abuses which are apt to gather about institutions; conservative, to maintain that which has been tried and not found wanting; guarded, as to those things which are commended only by novelty or facile adaptation to the world; catholic, in respect for the voice of the church in the ages and for the privilege of each of its communities; according to others the rights we claim: joining in the confession of "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all:" seeking "to walk with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace....till we all attain unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

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## What Shall we do with the Revised Version ?

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It is not my intention to-day to discuss the Revised Version of the New Testament from a critical point of view. That important task is being faithfully performed by scholars all over the English-speaking world. The numerous articles of this character daily brought to us through the periodical press, show the great interest taken in this aspect of the subject at the present time. I understand that the gentleman who is to follow me will treat the subject from that side. I turn, therefore, the more gladly to the very practical, and as I think we all feel, most important question of the hour :—

What are we, as churches, ministers, teachers, private Christians, going to do with this work now put into our hands?

For years we have been looking forward with mingled hope and anxiety to the completion of the task upon which the Revision Committees have been engaged. At last a portion of the result is before us. The Revised New Testament is in our possession. Now what use shall we make of it?

1. In the first place, it seems to me, we need to recognize the fact, *that this work is on trial, as a whole and in its parts.* I say this because in some quarters there is apparently an impression that it is not on trial, but that coming as it does from men so competent, and with such high endorsements on every hand, all that we have to do is to put it into the place of the older Version and quietly go forward with our work. But such expectations are sure to be disappointed. From the nature of the case it must be otherwise. Our grand old King James's Version, which has stood the stress and strain of more than two centuries and a half, whose diction has become intertwined with the very fibres of our Anglo-Saxon thought, as its teachings have become part of our Anglo-Saxon character, is not going to be superseded in a day or a year, by any new aspirant for public favor, however great may be the defects of the old, and however numerous, and commendable the excellences of the new. It ought not to be so.

The favor with which the Revised Version has thus far been received must not blind us to this fact. Unquestionably its reception has been flattering. Up to the present time the judgment of scholars on both sides of the water has been almost unanimously commendatory. If except a few interested conservatives in Great Britain, and in our country, those sheets which live by taking the "other side," the newspaper press has thrown its great influence on the side of the Revision. Secular and religious journals have vied in their efforts to properly introduce it to the public. The public themselves have received it with the liveliest interest. There is nothing in the history of literature compare with the immense circulation this book has obtained in a few days—throwing, by its sale of hundreds of thousands and millions of copies, the first triumphs of printing utterly into the shade—and the eagerness with which it has been read on every side. The talk current in certain circles about the decay of interest in the Bible and in the religion of the Bible, has received a curious commentary in the public welcome accorded to this revised version of the New Testament of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ.

But this favorable reception by no means decides the question of general and permanent adoption of this book in place of the old. It has got to win its way slowly, on its own merits. The first enthusiasm, and the first curiosity as well, will soon pass away. The newsboys will stop vending it on the streets. As far as it has been a sensation of the day, it will take its place among other sensations that will run their course. It will have to be subjected to the judgment of a sober second thought. Objections will be raised against it. It will have to vindicate its right to existence, and still more its right to acceptance by its intrinsic value,—not by the great names, under whose auspices it has made its appearance, but by its adaptedness to the needs of the church. So far scholars have spoken in its favor, because they were strongly sensible of the need of such a revision and were pressed in its behalf. But there is another scholarly verdict to come. After it has been subjected to the tests of the study and the classroom and upon that, far more than upon the earlier welcome, will depend its ultimate success or failure. And then will come the verdict of the larger and more important jury, the people, not speaking out of the first curiosity and enthusiasm, but after long trial in practical use in the church, in the closet, in the Sabbath school, at the funeral—after the verdict back of which there is no use at all of going, because it is



and irreversible. If it is not accepted by the religious masses, if it does not commend itself as a plain book for plain people, scholars may accept and laud it till doomsday and yet their labor be all in vain.

We all hope that the final verdict will be triumphantly in its favor, but we must not ignore the fact that such may not be the case. We must not jump to the conclusion, because the work is done and such good men have done it, and scholars have pronounced it so well done, and the Christian public have shouted so hearty and whole-souled an Amen,—that there is nothing more to do than to lay our old-fashioned Testaments on the shelf, where in due time they will ripen into curiosities such as the Bishops' Bible is at the present time, to be preserved by posterity as precious relics of a past age, and that the world is going to use henceforth the Anglo-American Revision and that alone. If we do that, we shall make a great mistake.

Nor does it follow from the fact that King James's Version, prepared under circumstances in many respects similar to the new, proved so great a success, that the same result will take place now. That was the last of a dozen translations and revisions,—Wicklif, Tyndale, Coverdale, Cranmer, the Geneva Bible, the Bishops' Bible,—a beautiful and striking instance of the "survival of the fittest." The success after many partial failures came, under Providence, in that wonderful flowering time of our literature, the Elizabethan Age. It was something more than the authority of Parliament that gave final complete acceptance to our old Bible and that gives it its hold upon the Christian heart to-day. We cannot tell how it is to be with the work just finished. The Anglo-American Revision may be only one of the stages in the process which will give us at last the English Bible of the next two or three centuries.

II. Secondly, it is of the greatest importance that the Revision should have a *fair trial*.

I have emphasized the fact that it is on trial, because it seems to me the great danger of the hour is that we forget that fact, and so really damage the prospects of this work, in the success of which we are all so much interested. Such a result is greatly to be deprecated. If, on the other hand, it should meet with a real success—and the prospect is fair that it may do so—it will be an unspeakable blessing to our English and American Protestant churches. We all feel that our present New Testament—for I will not speak of the Old Testament in this connection—is not what it ought to be. We who are ministers and teachers have

found its defects in some directions so great that we have felt at times almost discouraged in our attempts to promote its study among our congregations or in our classes. If any proof were needed of this patent fact, it would be sufficient to point to the awful infliction of commentaries, popular and critical, under which our devoted age has groaned being burdened,—whole libraries of them, which will fall soon, we will hope, into forgetfulness and the blackness of darkness. It will be undoubtedly a great misfortune if we have to wait a quarter of a century or half a century before we can get an adequate substitute for the present New Testament. Whatever may occur in the future, it is not likely that the work can be done again in the present generation under circumstances so favorable, by men so well equipped for the task, on principles so likely to ensure general satisfaction. It is, therefore, a matter of vital importance to us, that, if possible and right, the Revision should be brought into general use. Even if this attempt should fail, as we hope it will not, it is almost as important that it should fail after a fair trial which shall have thoroughly manifested its excellences, as well as exposed its defects, and so prepared the way for a more successful future effort. We ought to see to it, that if it fails, it shall be for good reasons, and not on weak and insufficient grounds.

And then there is another weighty consideration. We must not forget that the revision of the Old Testament is following closely that of the New, and will succeed or fail, as this succeeds or fails. If the latter is important, the former is doubly and trebly so. If there are defects in the present New Testament, what shall we say of the present Old Testament? Certainly it cannot be said that any extensive passages of the New Testament are unintelligible to the average English reader; but it cannot be denied that there are such passages in the Old Testament. Nay more, there are whole books of which the meaning is impaired, if not altogether lost, in their present state. If there is any value in that portion of the Holy Scriptures, and we all believe that there is, we must do what lies in our power, to prepare the way for a warm welcome and general acceptance of the work of the Revisers in this important field. And this, as I said, will depend largely upon the success of the New Testament Revision.

We must do our best, then, to see that it has a *fair trial*.

1. There are two ways in which such a fair trial may be hindered, not to say altogether prevented. We need to be on our guard against both, whether the fault lies in ourselves or in others.

In the first place, there is danger from captious criticism. As yet there has been comparatively little of this. But I confess that the unbroken chorus of approval with which the work has been received, at least on this side of the Atlantic, strikes me as rather ominous. By a very certain law of human nature a reaction must set in pretty soon,—indeed there are signs, warning voices from the press and the sensational pulpit, which show that it has begun already. There is nothing so easy as to criticise unfavorably a work of this sort. It requires very little capital to set up in that business. Indeed, I am not sure that the less capital a critic has, of brains and knowledge and common-sense, the easier it will be for him. The ignorant scribbler who is altogether innocent of any knowledge upon the subject, the possessor of “small Latin and less Greek” who is eager to use the latter upon the New Testament, the scholarly hobby-rider, the sectarian who is ready to stake everything on his favorite exegesis of the controversial passages, the literalist who is aghast that “eternal” is not translated “age-long” or what of that sort it pleases him to be aghast at, the conservative who objects to change simply because it is change,—all kinds—and there are divers kinds like the sands of the sea-shore in number—of unreasonable critics, are going to rise and come forward, to give their reasons for being unreasonable. If it be true as Milton says, “as good almost kill a man as kill a good book,” what murderous responsibility will rest upon many who will do their utmost, intentionally or unintentionally, to kill this book, which, if it succeeds in maintaining its existence, is going to be the source of life and light to such multitudes of souls.

And then, there is danger from the opposite extreme of an overzealous enthusiasm for the work. There are many, especially among us ministers, who are so convinced of the value and the need of the Revised Version, that they are ready to force it upon the acceptance of the churches, without consulting the wishes of those to whom the decision whether or not it shall be so introduced by right belongs. It is possible to do a great deal of harm in this way. If Parliament and Convocation, have got to give their authorization, before it can be introduced into the Anglican Church, certainly our Congregational churches have a right to decide for themselves, in a Congregational way, after fair trial, whether they will accept it or not. I do not say that a minister, who has tact and common-sense, may not profitably even now use the Revised New Testament in the prayer-meeting and the Bible class, and even in the pulpit; but it will be by the side of the old Bible and not to

the superseding of it. I confess to a strong sympathy with those older members of some of our churches, who have been feeling a sort of indignation at hearing during the last few weeks a new language in the place of the dear old Bible diction they have been accustomed to hear. Say that it is prejudice, if you please; it is a prejudice that has a great deal of reason on its side. The liturgical use of the Scriptures must always be more conservative than its other uses. Most of us have known for years the true text of the Lord's prayer and consequently have experienced no surprise at the change it has undergone. But how many of us offer the Lord's prayer now, day by day, in the language of the Revised Version? We are glad to have it correctly stated there, but we are in no hurry to change that form so dear to our hearts from the associations of childhood. It is to begin at the wrong end and to do harm rather than good, to try to force the new version upon the acceptance of the churches. And if this is the case where the congregations are largely composed of educated and cultivated people, much more in less intelligent, and perhaps less broad-minded, communities. There is time enough. We need be in no hurry. Remember how long it took to introduce King James's Version into England; and how much longer still, into New England. Take care lest in your zeal to deal out this new food you upset and break the dish.

2. These are some of the ways in which a fair trial may be hindered. Now let us look at some of the methods by which it may be promoted.

First, there rests upon all intelligent Christians the duty of giving the Revision a careful study in connection with the Authorized Version. This is a duty that does not need to be pressed upon many, for they are already attending to it. I suppose there never was a time when Christian people were more eagerly, soberly, with more earnest desire for truth, searching the Scriptures. To many, a wholly new light is springing up in that sacred book. It is interesting, and to one that loves the Gospel most pleasant, to hear the exclamations of delight from those who are finding treasures hidden in parts of the New Testament which they used to regard as barren wastes. To many the mere fact of the arrangement in paragraphs instead of the old broken division into verses, has given an altogether new idea of whole passages, the meaning of which they first discover when they find that they can read the pages of this, as they would those of any other, book. And not only many but all Christian people ought to engage in this study. The time ought to come very soon when the Christian man or woman or child who has not care-

fully read through the Revised New Testament and formed an opinion upon it at first hand, and an opinion which rests upon a diligent comparison of it with King James's, should be ashamed. If there is any one thing in this paper which I desire might be impressed upon every one here present, it is this. It is the study of the rank and file of Christians, far more than the work of scholars, which is going to determine the success of this work. It will be their fault, because they have neglected their duty and their privilege, if it fails on insufficient grounds.

But unquestionably Christian scholars, in the ministry and out of it,—and I do not forget how large a portion of our Christian men in the professions and in business are able to intelligently judge the merits of the work, at least so far as the original language of the New Testament is concerned—have a very great responsibility here. The more fair-minded criticism of a genuine kind we can have, the better it will be for the success of the work. Now is the time to bring out our Greek testaments: not to lay them aside, trusting that the new Revision has superseded them. If the latter is what we hope it is—and what our examinations of it during the last three weeks have, I think, convinced most of us that it is—it will only gain by such testing. It is not impossible, even if it should be adopted hereafter substantially as it is, that there may be an opportunity for certain changes and improvements, which will not alter it as a whole. Especially as American scholars we want to carefully examine and weigh the changes suggested by the American Committee, which find a place in the Appendix of the English Edition. I am glad that one at least of our enterprising American firms has published those changes in its edition in the form of foot-notes, where they can be easily compared with the adopted text. To my mind there is a great significance in those twelve pages of appendix. It is not simply because these alterations were proposed by their own countrymen that American Biblical scholars are regretting so strongly that they were not incorporated into the text or given a place in the margin. The Appendix is the index of a different spirit and a different attitude towards the great questions of scriptural criticism prevailing on the two sides of the Atlantic. The conservatism that maintains so many absurdities in the English political and social systems, simply because the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, clings to the old here, where our freer, less tradition-bound American spirit, untrammelled by mere associations, is impatient of restraint. It may turn out that they are right and that we are wrong. That is something which the great jury of scholars and intelligent

people on both sides of the sea has got to decide. But it is not impossible that the time will come, when these American suggestions, in whole, or in part, will be placed in the text. It can be done without tearing to pieces all the work of the last ten years.

Then much will depend upon the efforts of Christian ministers and teachers. If their foolish over-zeal may do great mischief, perhaps even to the extent of bringing about the ultimate failure of the Revised Version, their wise, earnest labor may go far toward securing its success. It seems to me that this class of men have a golden opportunity just now and that they will fail in duty, as well as in wisdom, if they let it slip,—an opportunity not only to accomplish, each in his station, much in the way of giving the new Revision a fair trial, but also to use it to advance the interests of the Gospel generally in the churches and Christian communities. There is no question that the interest taken in the Bible just at present is very great. The people are in an inquiring and receptive mood. They are ready to listen to what their teachers have to say upon this subject. Now is the time to explain to them what is necessary to an intelligent understanding of the origin and history of the Bible—and especially just now, of course, of the New Testament. A broad field of interesting historical and archæological questions is thus opened up, into which the pastor and teacher can lead them with great profit. There is no reason why the rich subject of New Testament Introduction should not be exhibited in the way of familiar talks in the social meeting, or by special lectures, or through the medium of the Sabbath school and teachers' meeting, or even in the Sabbath service where opportunity is afforded. The minister, from his early and later theological studies, is so familiar with this class of topics, that he sometimes forgets that they are not equally familiar to his people, who have not had the advantage of his technical training. It seems to me that there is no way in which ministers can arouse a greater interest at the present time than by thus explaining to their people, who are already interested in the general subject, the facts connected with the use of the original languages, the formation of the canon, the history of the early versions, the manuscript sources from which we derive our modern text of the Greek New Testament, and other kindred matters.

This will prepare the way for particular explanations of the reasons for the changes which appear in the Revision. These do not for the most part lie upon the surface, they are not generally elucidated by the marginal references, and of course they do not occur to the ordinary

reader. But they are such as can be appreciated by all intelligent people. If many of the changes appear at first arbitrary to the uninitiated, it is the duty of the minister to show them that they have been made for good reason and to make plain what the good reason is. If I am not mistaken some of the more radical alterations and omissions—and there are more of them than one would think who has not examined the matter carefully—are going to greatly trouble some of our best Christian laymen at first. But by the patient explanations in public, and putting into the hands of the people the means of private study, the pastor can do much to remove such objections and smooth the way for the cordial acceptance, when the time shall come, of the Revised Version. The admirable little “Companion” by Dr. Roberts, which has appeared simultaneously with the Testament itself, may be made of great use in this way, and doubtless it will be followed by other works of a similar character. But no such printed helps will take the place of the pastor’s own teachings.

And thus the way is opened for a revival, under auspices more favorable than for years past, of expository preaching in our churches. Here for the present lies the true use of the Revised Version in our pulpits—not to take the place of the old for liturgical purposes—but to serve as a commentary upon it, and as the basis for a new style of preaching. I do not say that in those of our congregations where the people have become accustomed to a highly-spiced, not to say sensational style of preaching, the old-fashioned method of exposition will be welcomed. But I do think there has never been a time when our ordinary congregations were more ready to receive the truth of the Scriptures in this form: and this much is certain, that if such readiness as there is, is not made use of by our preachers, the best opportunity that is likely to occur for years will be lost. We have seen of late in some of our churches and especially in our prayer-meetings, the unwonted sight of many persons, New Testament in hand, eagerly following the readings of the Scriptures. Let us trust that it is only the beginning of a return to that good old fashion of our ancestors which made the searching of the Scriptures, as well as the hearing of the Word, a part of the service of the House of God.

III. Finally, if such a fair trial as that for which we have been pleading is given, good will result, whatever may be the fate of the present Revision.

It may be brought in a gradual, safe, and effectual way into general acceptance. That we devoutly hope. In that case the way will be

opened for the adoption of the Revised Old Testament, and the whole Bible will be ours in language that all can understand, to enter upon a new career of blessing to that great Anglo-Saxon race which already grasps in its capacious arms so large a portion of the globe, and which is destined for generations to come, to take the foremost part in the progress of Christian civilization.

If this be not the case, it will prepare the way for a further revision. As this is not altogether unlikely, so it is not altogether to be deprecated. It will only postpone until another generation what we have longed for so earnestly in ours.

In any case it will secure a more intelligent understanding of the New Testament and, we will hope, a more vital interest in the sacred truths it teaches and a large increase of genuine religion. We have reason to be thankful that God has cast our lot in such an age as this. When we look back over the past fifty years and around over the world, and see what the Lord has accomplished through the medium of this blessed Book, what cause have we not for wonder and gratitude and praise to Him! And we have reason to believe that greater triumphs are before it in the future. The old Bible is not dead. Its light must ever grow brighter as the ages pass, because it is a divine light. Its power to convert and bless mankind can only increase. It contains the words of Christ. And Heaven and earth may pass away but His words cannot pass away.



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It is hard for me to follow the able and eloquent address, to which we have just listened with so much interest and enjoyment; but for this arrangement you must thank the Committee, who assigned the general and popular aspects of the Revision, to a Theological Professor, and the specific and critical estimate of it, to a country pastor, who lives nearly thirty miles from a railroad, and at least as far from a library. It has been said that reading Webster's Dictionary is very interesting, but rather disconnected. What I have to say is very disconnected; I can only hope it may prove interesting.

We are all desirous to approach this New Revision without prejudice, but this is simply impossible. The fact is, each one of us has, in his mind's eye, a Bible of his own, which has never been printed, but which coincides with the Authorized Version wherever our studies have not led us to change. This Bible lives in the memory, round it are clustered innumerable associations, and its very words answer like an echo to anything similar, which we see or hear. And when we read the Revised Version, the words of the old Bible come back to us, perchance in the very tones of our mother's voice, fraught with countless recollections of scenes, and studies, and spiritual experiences, so that perforce we say "the old is better." Moreover each one of us, (ministers all, and not a few among laymen,) has some favorite texts, perhaps some cherished changes, in the Authorized Version. We open the Revision and look for these. If our texts are preserved, our corrections supplied, well like the New Version, but if our favorite texts are spoiled (as we are apt to term it,) and our cherished corrections are neglected, we are inevitably disappointed in the work of the Revisers. To illustrate: a Methodist brother not long ago defended the practice of making no preparation for preaching, with Matt. X. 19 "*Take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.*" Of course the text refers only to defence before persecutors, not to the pulpit at all. But that brother

nevertheless probably does not favor the Revision which has: "be n  
anxious *how or what ye shall speak*," especially if his experience is li  
mine, viz. that the less *thought* given to a subject, the more *anxious* I fe  
about speaking. But indeed apart from all such ulterior motives, it  
not easy to accommodate ourselves at once to such changes as these: "I  
not therefore anxious for the morrow: For the morrow will be anxious fo  
itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." [Math. VI. 34.] "Let no  
your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful." [John XIV. 27] "No  
faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen."  
[Heb. XI. 1] "Every scripture inspired of God, is also profitable for  
teaching." [2 Tim. III. 16.] "With but little persuasion thou wouldest  
fain make me a Christian." [Acts XXVI. 28.] "In your patience y  
shall win your souls." [Luke XXI. 19.] "Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." [Luke II  
14.]

But there is something vastly more valuable than favorite texts, o  
dear associations, or æsthetic considerations of any kind, namely truth  
We do not go to our Bibles simply to hunt up a motto that will stand a  
the head of a discourse, nor merely for proof-texts to bolster up our ow  
notions in theology, but to learn God's truth in his self-revelation. W  
go to the New Testament to learn something of the fulness of Jesu  
Christ and Him crucified. And whether this New Revision disturb  
some old associations or not, whether it "tampers with an Englis  
Classic" or not, whether it spoils a few proof-texts or sermon-texts o  
not, or even wrecks a few sermons built upon the sand, is of infinitesim  
importance, compared with the question, whether or not it makes God  
truth clearer, and God's will plainer through the scriptures. By the a  
swer to this question the New Revision must stand or fall, and I, f  
one, have not the faintest doubt that it will stand. We may conceiv  
of a New Testament in a few places better than this, but that is lookin  
forward not back, in the direction of more changes not fewer. Com  
pared with the Authorized Version, no careful student of the Scriptur  
can for a moment doubt that the Revised Version is an immense a  
vance, and a vast improvement. It may not be the ideal New Test  
ment of the scholar; that will scarcely be found short of the apostolic a  
tographs, in the original Greek. But it is incontestable that the R  
vised Version makes a large number of passages clear to the comm  
reader, which were not rightly understood before.

Thus it must always have appeared to the ordinary reader stran

that the Lord had only *a few things* against the church in Thyatira. Now we read: "*But I have this against thee that thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess*;" (Rev. II. 20.) So at 1 Cor. X. 25, 28, the quotation "*The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof*," is used as an argument for two opposite practices, both for eating and not eating meat which might have been offered to idols. In the first case it is perfectly logical—"eat anything, for all is God's," in the second it is incomprehensible, until we see that the second quotation has no place in the true text.

Again, four times only, in the Authorized New Testament, fasting is mentioned in a commendatory manner, twice (in parallel passages) of the evil spirit, which possessed the demoniac boy whom the disciples could not heal, it is said "*This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting*." [Matt. XVII. 21. Mark IX. 29.] It is said also, that Cornelius had been fasting until the appearance of the angel, [Acts X. 30.], and yet again, Paul recommends inferentially that husbands and wives give themselves to fasting and prayer, [1 Cor. VII. 5.] In all the other passages, where fasting is mentioned, it is merely as an existing practice. Now when we find that in each of these four places *fasting* is omitted in the Revision, we reach the important conclusion that the New Testament nowhere commits itself to even the approval, much less the inculcation of fasting, though written by men who not infrequently practiced it. And once more, how many Christian souls have been in bondage to fear through 1 Cor. XI. 29, whose sting is gone in the Revision: "*For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, if he discern not the body*." But the cure of the constant misconception of this chapter, by timid communicants is not complete, unless we adopt the change of the American Revisers in v. 27 of "*unworthily*" to "*in an unworthy manner*," showing that it is not the character of the communicant but the manner of the celebration, which is under discussion: "*Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord*."

Such changes commend themselves after a moment's thought, but there are others whose need lies on the surface. The Authorized Version is open to moral criticism in giving a command like: "*Abstain from all appearance of evil*" and is manifestly absurd in statements like: "*supposing that gain is godliness*;" "*the love of money is the root of all evil*;" "*the beast that was and is not, and yet is*." So that it is no small relief to

read in the Revision. "*Abstain from every form of evil.*" [1 Thess. V. 22.] "*supposing that godliness is a way of gain.*" [1 Tim. VI. 5.] *the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.*" [1 Tim. VI. 10.] "*the beast how that he was, and is not, and shall come.*" [Rev. XVII. 8.]

The dramatic vividness of other passages in the Revised Version, stamps them at once as original readings: "*With freedom* [Am. Revisers, better, *For freedom*] *did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage*" [Gal. V. 1.] So the Pharisees' plea in behalf of Paul: "*We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken to him or an angel?*" [Acts XXIII. 9.], and Christ's answer to the father of the demoniac boy, who had said: [Mark IX. 22, 23] "*but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and help us.*" "*And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth.*" i. e. it is not a question of *my* power of authority, but of *your* strength of faith. And so in the parable of the ten virgins: "*But at midnight there is a cry, Behold the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet him.*" [Matt. XXV. 6.] In these cases the additions made in the A. V. may be termed, as Rev. A. L. Park, I think, happily characterized its italics: "dashes of water in the sincere milk of the word."

It is wonderful what mischief the mistranslation of a single word may do. We have two salient instances of this in Revelation, representing two of the worst faults of the Authorized Version. It translates two entirely different Greek words by the same English word, and so hides the difference between the *four living creatures* which surround the throne of God, and *the beast*, who is cast into the bottomless pit. And then the Authorized Version translates the word *throne*, sometimes *throne*, sometimes *seat*, thus completely obscuring the fulfilment of John's vision of the promise of Christ to his apostles, that they should sit on *thrones*, and also concealing the fact that Satan's Kingdom with its *throne*, is a hellish parody of God's. Some texts in the Authorized Version, either from wrong text, or wrong translation, fail to harmonize with the analogy of faith, and so become real blemishes. Thus "*Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life*;" [Rev. XXII. 14.] looks as if we were capable of earning the privileges of heaven "by works of righteousness which we have done." But the Revision corrects this: "*Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right to come to the tree of life.*" This is a change of *text*, but it was an inexcusable blunder which the Revisers

of 1611 made in following the Vulgate [John X. 16]—"there shall be one fold and one shepherd." The *fold* is the church. Christ did not say that all his sheep should be gathered into one church. What He did say reads now: "*And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.*"

It is interesting to notice how so slight a change as that from the indefinite to the definite article modifies the sense of a passage. Thus "*this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,*" [Luke II. 12] makes the swaddling clothes a sign that the angel had spoken the truth. But the true reading: "*this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,*" rightly makes the finding of a new-born babe the token by which the shepherds should know that they had found the Christ. So when we read that "*the herd of mine rushed down the steep into the lake*" [Luke VIII. 33] we recognize that *the steep* was a well known feature of the shore at that point. And learning that during the storm Jesus was asleep on *the cushion*, [Mark IV. 38.] we realize that the steersman's leather seat, which was in every boat, formed the hard pillow of him who had not where to lay his head. Six times in Acts, [Acts IX. 2, XIX. 9, 23, XXII. 4. XXIV. 14, 22.] Christianity is called "*the Way*" in probable allusion to Christ's own words [John XIV. 6.] but every one of these references is obscured in the Authorized Version, by translating the definite article "*this*" or "*that*." When Abraham is said to have "*looked for a city which hath foundations*" [Heb. XI. 10.] one wonders what city is without them; but read it as it should be read: "*he looked for the city which hath the foundations,*" and we recognize at once that this is the city of God, of which the Psalmist sang "*His foundation is in the holy mountains,*" [Ps. LXXXVII. 1.] and which the seer beheld with its twelve foundations, each a precious stone [Rev. XXI. 19.]

Take the opposite error. Paul's speech on the Areopagus would have been illogical if the inscription on the altar had been "*to THE unknown God*", [Acts. XVII. 23.] His plea was 'that of which you are ignorant I proclaim, that which you feel after indefinitely, I declare definitely': and the argument requires for its starting-point an altar inscribed *to AN unknown God*. When the disciples returned to Jesus at the well of Sychar "*they marvelled that he talked with the woman*" [John IV, 27.] I asked an intelligent and scholarly Christian man recently what caused the wonder of the disciples. Said he: "the nationality of the woman."

"No," said I, "it is true Jews *had no dealings with Samaritans*, such as giving or asking favors, but that does not mean that they did not speak to one another." "Then," said he, "it was her character." What did they know about that?" I replied. "Give it up," said he. Then I read the verse in the Revision. "*And upon this came his disciples; and they marvelled that he was speaking with a woman.*" and he saw that it was her sex, not her nationality or her character which excited that wonder of the disciples. It was utterly against all Jewish etiquette for a Rabbi to talk in public with, much less instruct a woman. [Geikie's Life of Christ, I, C. XXXI., Farrar's, I, C. VX.] The disciples had probably never seen Jesus speak to a woman in public, except his mother. See what a flood of light such a text pours upon the whole influence of Jesus upon the sphere of woman, and the complete originality and utter breaking with his age and its customs, which characterized many episodes of his life.

Indeed the very printing of the new Revision makes important additions to our knowledge of the connections of verses hitherto separate. For instance, how much plainer is "*I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me and I know the Father;*" [John X. 14, 15], than "*I am the Good Shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine*" 15. "*As the Father knoweth me even so know I the Father.*" (this last indeed would be an entirely irrelevant statement). So in Luke XIII. 24, 25. How clear is now the correction: "*Strive to enter in by the the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord open to us.*"

I must leave this part of the subject thus almost untouched, but cannot close without a brief reference to the omissions and the doctrines of the new Version. I should not wonder if the Revision were a hundred verses shorter than the Authorized Version, but most of these omissions are in parallel passages so that we now simply have the verse *once*, instead of two or three times in the New Testament. The history of the woman taken in adultery, [John VII. 53-VIII. 11.] was not, it appears, written by John, but was not improbably a very early traditional illustration of John VIII. 15, "*Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.*", and from the margin crept into the text. There is however no reason to doubt its being a faithful record of an actual occurrence. Its style is the farthest possible removed from that of the Apocryphal gospels and similar writings. So the end of Mark's



gospel [Mark XVI, 9-20] was not, it would seem, written by Mark, though there is no other reason to reject it. But why did Mark break off so abruptly? Why did Nicholas of Hereford, Wyclif's co-translator, end his translation of the Old Testament at Baruch III. 20 in the middle of a sentence? Because the hand of persecution was laid upon him. The same or some similar cause, may have stayed the hand of Mark. The authority and canonicity of a scripture are often entirely independent of the question, who wrote it. Witness the Epistle to the Hebrews!

Part of the third and the fourth verses of John V, we may well rejoice to be rid of, as it speaks of the troubling of the water by an angel, and the healing of the first who stepped in, of any and every disease, which he might have. This does not sound like anything else in the New Testament, and was probably nothing but the traditional explanation of the phenomenon of an intermittent or syphon spring, possessing medicinal properties. We should be sorry to make John responsible for it. The Lord's Prayer still remains, and there I shall very possibly horrify some conservatives by the belief which I hold, that it needs but one change to make it perfect—"Bring us not into trial"—not *temptation*, for God does not *tempt* any, in the modern meaning of the word, that is, to evil. It needs no words to show how much more forcible is the prayer for deliverance from *the evil one*, than from *evil*; (notice also in this connection other passages in which the personal source of evil, comes into view in the Revised Version, Matt. V. 37, 2 Thess. III. 3, John XVII. 15, &c.; nor the petition for forgiveness when we are able to say that *we also have forgiven* our debtors. But "Spare us the doxology!" cry the would-be critics from Talmage up. Spare the doxology,—for what purpose? Why, in praying the prayer. Certainly, we are just as free to do that as we ever were; just as free as the Episcopalians are to sing or say the Gloria at the end of each of the Psalms. The liturgical form and the Biblical form of passages may differ very much. And in the use of the Lord's Prayer as a prayer, there is not the slightest objection to the addition of the doxology. But to put it into the VIth of Matthew, and thus to assert that Jesus spoke it as a part of the model prayer, would in the present state of the evidence be simply *telling a lie*. Take a parallel case. The "*Gloria in Excelsis*" begins, as is well known, with quoting Luke II. 14, and continues in words added thereto by Hilary of Poitiers and others. Now it is just as absurd to ask us, in the face of the evidence, to put the doxology of the Lord's Prayer into the text of Matthew, as it would be

to ask that the rest of the *Gloria in Excelsis* might be interpolated after Luke II. 14 in that Gospel. The only difference arises from the fact that the doxology found a place in the old Bible. But that raises the question, which is the *old Bible*? Is it the bible of Beza or of Irenaeus. is it the bible of Erasmus or of Origen. Are its sources a thirteenth century Codex Baziliensis, and Codex Reuchlin, or a fourth century Codex Sinaiticus, and Codex Vaticanus. We want the New Testament of Christ's disciples, and in this New Revision we have that water of life dipped up clear and sparkling in the fourth century before it had become dimmed with margins and comments, and mistakes and changes. This is our old Bible—the Authorized Version is the innovator, and it is the Revisers of 1881 who are the wise conservatives.

And now after all, among all the causes for thankfulness, surely not the least is this, that Evangelical Christianity has not for a moment been resting on a mistake. If any Samson of a text has fallen, no pillar of the house has been felled. In all these changes not one doctrine is disturbed, not one duty shaken. The Authorized Version is good enough to live by, good enough to die by, and the Revised Version shows the same road to heaven by the way of the Cross. Thus the question comes up. Are the doctrines changed? Those fixed stars of the scripture firmament shine on, not only undimmed, but even with increased lustre. I have time only to speak of one: the Deity of Christ. It is said that some of the Unitarians are rejoicing in the New Revision because it favors them. What is meant I suppose is that one or two texts like 1 John V. 7, 1 Tim. III. 16, no longer witness to the Deity of Christ; the former verse is spurious, the latter now reads, "*great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, &c., instead of "God was manifested."* For Unitarians to say such changes favor them, except as very slightly affecting the sum total of the evidence, is much like the man who adduced numerous witnesses who *did not* see him commit a crime, to prove that he did not do it. These verses simply do not directly assert the doctrine of Christ's Deity, like ninety-nine out of one hundred of all the verses in the New Testament, but that is entirely different from denying the doctrine. The Lord's Prayer does not assert Christ's Deity, is it therefore any argument against the doctrine? There are two changed verses in the New Revision which any who believe that the evidence of Christ's Deity is weakened would do well to ponder. 1 Peter, III. 15. "*Sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord.*" [Authorized Version: "*Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.*"]

Peter takes these words, as all admit, from Isa. VIII. 13, "*Sanctify the Lord of Hosts himself,*" thus deliberately applying to Christ a passage originally referring to Jehovah, and implying an equal dignity for both. Also notice John V. 18, which now reads: "*Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only brake the Sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.*" This direct assertion of a *unique* relation between Christ and God—"his own Father," with the additional fact, that the Jews understood it as a claim to equality with God, so that such apparent blasphemy made them thirst for his blood—forms a text which seems difficult to set aside with perfect candor.

Having thus touched upon our reasons for the almost unqualified approval of the New Revision, it only remains to add a few words in criticism of it. We are doubly fortunate in having bound up with this book a very careful and critical review of it at the hands of the American Revisers—certainly as able critics as could be found. The Appendix as a whole contains a protest against the ultra-conservatism of the Englishmen, who, in a number of cases there specified, subordinated faithfulness to the Greek, to a desire to change as little as possible. In it are noted archaisms such as *tempt* for *try*; *wist*, *wot*, for *know*; *which* for *who*; and *hale* for *drag*, ["*lest haply he hale thee to the judge.*" [Luke, XII. 58.]]—I asked an intelligent man what that "*hale*" meant—and he said "a judicial summons." *Holy Ghost* also is an archaism, which considering the modern degrading, superstitious associations with the word *Ghost*, undoubtedly ought to give way to *Holy Spirit*.

The title *Saint*, prefixed to only five books is an absurdity. Is not Paul as much a saint as Mark and Luke? Is John a saint in writing his Gospel, even "St. John the divine," [*i. e.* the theologian.] in writing the Apocalypse, but no saint at all in his three Epistles. The writers of the Bible call one another Matthew, Paul, John, &c., we cannot do better than follow their example.

Coming down to specific criticisms it is noticeable that the Revision has made John the Baptist give as the duty of the soldiers who asked him "*what shall we do?*" [Luke, III. 14.] "*Do violence to no man.*"—which sounds an absurd precept for a soldier whose trade is violence. The American Revisers very properly substitute "*Extort from no man by violence.*"

So 1 Cor. XV. 33, they would read "*evil companionships corrupt good morals,*" for "*evil company doth corrupt good manners.*" *Manners* in the

sense of *morals*, is a mischievous archaism, and it is not the *company* exactly, but the association with it, *i. e.* the *companionship*, which corrupts. Again, in the definition of faith [Ileb. XI. 1] the American very properly object that *faith* is not a *proving* of things not seen, but a *conviction* of them.

A large number of the American corrections would simply change the places of text and margin, where the English have adopted more conservative views; but there are two things in which the English can, I believe, be fairly accused of real unfaithfulness to the sense of scripture, and these constitute the heaviest counts of the indictment brought against them by the Americans.

In the opening of Paul's speech to the Athenians [Acts XVII. 23] the Revision reads: "*Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are somewhat superstitious.*" The Americans would say: "*in all things I perceive that ye are very religious,*" and rightly, for Paul was no such fool as to begin by accusing and offending the Athenians with the charge of superstition, especially as that charge would not be borne out by the facts. What Paul proceeds to say shows that he regards the erection of an altar inscribed "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD," as a *religious*, not a *superstitious* act, for he commends it and says that his gospel has come to supplement it: "*What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this set I forth unto you.*" It is hard to have Paul's masterly plea disfigured by such a blunder. Unfaithfulness of a different kind is involved in the translation of *denarius* by *penny*:—*shilling* [recommended by the Americans] would have answered every purpose. For example: the good Samaritan is represented as a man of great kindness and liberality, yet he is made to give only *two pence* to provide for the entertainment of the wounded traveler [Luke X. 35] instead of *two shillings*. So the householder, who hired laborers into his vineyard [Matt. XX. 1-16] is represented as giving liberal pay, and as regarding the expectation of something that they would receive more as very unreasonable. It does not seem unreasonable, at a *penny* a day, but a *shilling* a day alters the situation. And in a still more important case [Rev. VI. 6.]: "*And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying: A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measure of barley for a penny.*" I appeal to any one, if this does not sound like the extreme of cheapness and plenty;—it is intended to convey the idea of famine prices—"A quart of wheat for a shilling and three quarts of barley for a shilling."

But taking the Appendix as a whole, it is by its smallness and comparative insignificance, one of the best possible proofs of the great excellence of the New Version.

And now as a warning to others, I will venture two or three little criticisms of my own. And I wish that one of the Revisers were here. for he could probably expose the fallacy of nearly every point I shall make. Even if they be well taken, they are at most infinitesimal spots on the sun. The word *skandalon* is an awkward word and difficult to translate, yet I cannot help doubting if it needs all those various renderings. "*Occasion of stumbling*," [1 John II. 10] and often; "*Occasion of falling*," [Rom. XIV. 13;] "*Things that cause stumbling*," [Matt. XIII. 41;] "*stumbling-block*," [1 Cor. I. 23] and often; "*offence*," [1 Peter, II. 8, Rom. IX. 33].

So "*broma*" is rendered twelve times *meat* or *meats*, three times *food*, which should be in every place, as *meat* in any other sense than *flesh-meat* is an archaism, while that modern sense is misleading in some passages. Again *poneros* is rendered *evil* and *wicked*, both of which renderings are probably necessary, but can as much be said of the additional renderings, *bad* [Matt. XXII. 10], *harm* [Acts, XXVIII. 21], *grievous* [Rev. XVI. 2], *vile* [Acts, XVII. 5]? I can see no reason why *evil* should not be used in each of these passages. The great fault of the Authorized Version is its abuse of synonyms, and it is one which the Revisers have specially set themselves to correct.

There are a few things in the margin, besides the many to which the Appendix refers, which I should be glad to see in the text, because it seems to me that faithfulness requires it. Only from the margin do we learn, that the traitor Judas in betraying Christ [Matt. XXVI. 49, Mark XIV. 45], and the sinful woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon the Pharisee [Luke VII. 38, 45], and the father in receiving the penitent prodigal [Luke. XV. 20], and the Ephesian elders in bidding Paul farewell [Acts XX. 37], each *kissed again and again*. [margin—*kissed much*]. I think this graphic touch should be included in the English *text* as it is in the Greek. So I would read the centurion's exclamation beside the cross [Matt. XXVII. 54, Mark XV. 39], "*Truly this was a Son of God!*", because the Roman heathen might naturally speak of a Son of God, but would hardly have learned to think of any one as occupying pre-eminence as the Son of God, and there is no article in the Greek. Also it seems to me to sweeten the promise with which Matthew's Gospel ends, to give it literally—"lo, I am with you all the days [text, *always*], even unto the end of the world."

Matt. VIII. 20, Luke IX. 59, Christ says: "*The foxes have holes and the birds of the heaven have nests, [margin, lodging-places] but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.*" Now most birds have nests only for a few weeks in the year, and our Lord is describing more permanent abiding places. He had sometimes a temporary lodging, never a permanent abode. And the Greek contains truer natural history than the English, reading *the birds of the heaven have dwelling places*, which I should like to see in the text. The verse would then more forcibly convey the idea "beasts and birds have homes, Christ has none on earth." The last passage on which I offer a suggestion is Matt. V. 22. "*Whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of the hell of fire.*" I would substitute the marginal *Moreh* for "*Thou fool*," for the reason that the English rendering gives no adequate idea of the strength of the original. *Raca* gives an excellent precedent for this course, and if it is wise to retain *Raca* untranslated, it is doubly wise so to leave *Moreh*, because the latter is a much worse expression and is said to merit a far severer penalty. Geikie thus expresses the sense of the verse [Life of Christ II. C. XXXVI]. "Public reproach merits a public penalty, but he who would consign another to hell, is himself in danger of being sent to it." *Moreh* has a Hebrew history. The *Moreh* is the personification of the great sin of the Israelites in the wilderness; the sin which again and again called down upon them swift destruction in earthquake, pestilence, serpents, or flaming fire, from the hand of the Lord; the sin which wore out all the patience of Moses the meekest man, so that he broke forth in anger at Meribah: [Numbers XX. 10] the sin which finally excluded a whole generation of Israel from entrance on the promised land unto whom God "*swore in his wrath that they should not enter into his rest*;" the sin of rebellion. "*Thou rebel*" might be a literal translation of *Moreh*, but it would not convey the idea of rebellion against God, and the consequent imprecation of a condemnation like that which overtook the rebels of old. *Thou fool* is evidently so tame a translation as to be really unfaithful, and in the absence of any adequate rendering, it seems best to put *Moreh* into the text, and an explanation with Old Testament references into the margin.

And now in closing, I would earnestly deprecate criticism of the Revision. Do not let us, brethren, have the arrogance to suppose

that we, after a few hours labor, can criticize the work of thirty-seven of the best men in England and America, which has occupied them nearly eleven years. Perhaps I can illustrate our incompetency—if indeed I have not already sufficiently done so—by explaining one passage Luke IX. 32, where I thought I had caught the Revisers, but found myself in the wrong. In Luke's description of the Transfiguration this verse reads: "*Now Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: but when they were fully awake (Margin, having remained awake) they saw his glory and the two men that stood with him.*" I thought—this is another place where the margin ought to take the place of the text, for the usual meaning of the word *diagregorein* is simply to *watch through*. I found Grimm's lexicon, and the commentaries of Meyer, Trench, and Riddle took that side, and further, that Prof. Roberts of the English Revision Committee, had written in his Companion to the Revision, published with the New Version: "This verse is quite misrepresented in the A. V.... It ought to be rendered as in the R. V.... *yet having remained awake they saw his glory*—quoting, you see, as in the text, what stands only in the margin. I thought I had a real correction, but was a little doubtful. So I wrote to one of the Revisers, who settled the question for me. Grimm's lexicon had cited a passage from Herodian, which plainly confirmed his view, and had referred to, without quoting, another passage from Nicephorus of Byzantium, which I could not look up. My friend kindly quotes it from Stephens's Thesaurus, and it appears to warrant the rendering, *when they were fully awake*; the *dia* in *diagregorein* being capable of either the sense *through*, or *thoroughly (thoroughly)* as Winer says, and so the verb has the two meanings *to wake (watch) through*, or *to wake thoroughly*. Now this latter meaning is manifestly (so my correspondent continues) favored by the context, if we note the continuative almost the pluperfect force of *esan debaremenoi*—(which might almost be translated "*had been heavy with sleep*") and then the pointed instantaneousness of the following aorist with its adversative *de*. (Farrar renders it "*suddenly starting into wakefulness.*" *Camb. Bible for Schools.*) Moreover the context, as Weiss says, (Meyer's Comm. new ed.), seems designed to explain how it was that the disciples only now for the first time came to see Christ's transfiguration and the two men standing near. This is conclusive for the text of the Revision. I adduce all this learning (none of it my own) to warn us that we must dig deep, and read far and wide, before we venture to plume ourselves on correcting the Revisers of 1881.

I will close with two old cautions which have not lost their appropriateness. Lay to heart the words of dear old William Tyndale in the preface to his revised N. T. of 1534: (the spelling is modernized) "If any man find fault either with the translation or ought beside, which is easier for many to do than so well to have translated it themselves, of their own pregnant wits at the beginning without forensample; to the same it shall be lawful to translate it themselves, and to put what they lust thereto." Lay to heart also the story which Isaac Walton tells us: that Dr. Richard Kilbye one of the company of the Revisers of the Authorized Version heard accidentally a young preacher discussing the New Version and giving three reasons why a particular word should have been translated differently. He told him that the Revisers had considered those three reasons and seven more on the same side, but had found thirteen stronger reasons on the other side for translating as they did. The moral of this is too painfully evident to need pointing.—

Thank God for the Revision of 1881!



THE CONGREGATIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP.

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## MORE LITURGICAL FORM OF WORSHIP DESIRABLE IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

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I suppose that this discussion was to come and go with the hour, and not care to enter it. But I have a conviction which has long maturing, that our present order of worship is seriously defective. I am also convinced from a study of the currents of popular feeling, that our Congregations are becoming aware of these defects, and are ready for all proper amendments. I think therefore, that the times are ripe for a discussion of this question which shall be fruitful of results. The present form of worship is a relic of the past. In nothing has the persistency of the Puritan type of character been more conspicuously displayed than in the tenacity with which the descendants of the Puritans have adhered to the peculiarities of the Puritan worship. For two hundred and fifty years the radical changes which the Puritans instituted have been essentially preserved. Now Puritanism was a violent reaction. Its force was largely destructive. We must distinguish Puritanism from Protestantism. Protestantism was a revolt from the Medievals, from Papacy, and from the theological system that supported it. But the Reformers were eminently wise men. They were conservative as well as progressive. They distinguished the superstitious outgrowths of the Dark Ages from the evangelical forms of the early Church. And when they cast away the former, they sought to revive and retain the latter. Hence the Reformed worship of the Lutheran, Zwinglian, Calvinistic, and English Churches, was largely liturgical. Many of the ancient prayers, responses, hymns, chants, and other offices, were preserved. The English Puritans at first were not opposed to the Reformed liturgical services. They only wished to go further in removing what they regarded as remnants of Popish superstition. This led unfortunately to needless uniformity. Resistance led to persecution, and persecution, as a result, developed a touch of fanaticism. The result is seen in the Puritan worship. Liturgy was wholly abolished. Even the reading of

the Scriptures and the use of the Lord's Prayer were discontinued, because they were embraced in the forms of the English Church. So did our Puritan forefathers carry their scruples, that they would not allow any religious service at funerals; and the dead were buried in silence. It was their solemn protest against the beautiful English burial service.

Thus it happens that to-day we are employing a form of worship which is the heirloom of a bitter revolt against ecclesiastical authority. I honor and revere those grand Puritans. They suffered in a good cause, and they brought to these shores the seeds of religious liberty. But they left some good things behind them. We have recovered a few of the—the reading of Scripture, musical instruments, the Lord's Prayer. But essentially the Puritan order of worship is unchanged.

Now our churches are beginning to recognize these historical facts, and to realize the bearing of them on certain peculiarities of our worship. The marked development in our times of the historical spirit has given birth to a new candor. We have also reached a point in historical perspective where we are able to see our Puritan ancestors in their true historical relations. Prejudice is thus dying out. Congregationalism instinctively a liberal polity in its attitude toward other polities. We are coming to a better appreciation of what is true and good in the religious faith and life and forms of worship of other Protestant churches. Even liturgy which so horrified our fathers, as if it were the very drape of the "mother of abominations," has ceased to be offensive, since we have found its history to be fragrant with the devotions of early saints and confessors. So that there is a growing disposition among us in favor of a candid investigation of this liturgical question, and of a revival of some simple liturgical forms.\*

There is *another reason* for this discussion. The question of attendance upon public worship is becoming a serious one. Somehow Congregationalism seems to be losing ground. We do not have that hold

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\*The word liturgy, *leitourgia*, in classic Greek signifies a public civil service or duty of any kind. In the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament, and in the New Testament, it is made to refer more specifically to a public religious service or ministry, performed by a Jewish priest, or Christian minister. In the Post-Apostolic Church, it came to be used as a designation of the regular order of public worship on the Lord's Day. This order, being adapted to the needs of Congregational or common worship, assumed a fixed form which was embodied in books of common prayers and rubrics called liturgies.

the masses that we used to have. They are gradually slipping away from us into other denominations, or into open disregard of Gospel ordinances. Regular Church goers are less regular than formerly. Our children are, to quite an extent, becoming attendants on the Sabbath School, as a substitute for the worship of the Sanctuary. This is not the place for a discussion of this question. But I here allude to it, because I believe that the defects of our present order of worship have not a little to do with the falling off in attendance upon the means of grace. The time has gone by for forcing people to church. Our worship must be made, in a true Gospel sense, winning and religiously stimulating and helpful, or excuses will be easily found for remaining at home. In all honesty have not we ourselves at times been tempted in that direction?

I propose to offer some frank criticisms of our order of worship, and then to suggest such amendments as seem desirable and feasible.

*My first point of criticism is the overshadowing prominence given to the Sermon.* This is observable in our very modes of speech. We call the regular Sabbath service a preaching service. People go to church not to attend worship, but to hear a man preach. Said a lady in my hearing, as we were leaving the Sanctuary, "I did not like him so well as I thought I should." Her mind was on the preaching, and on the preacher. It was a straw telling which way the winds are blowing in our churches. Now preaching is undoubtedly one of the prime elements of a Christian service. I would not make less of it. Earnest worship needs the stimulus of Gospel truth. The religious emotions are most deeply and thoroughly stirred by bringing the mind into contact with Divine realities. The Apostolic meetings were centered in preaching. Eutychus would not have fallen out of a third story window, overcome by sleep, had Paul held a mere praise meeting. One great service done by the Reformers was the revival of evangelical preaching; and it has properly remained ever since a prominent feature of Protestant worship. But here, as in other directions, the Puritans went to an extreme. The importance of the sermon was exaggerated, and the result has been injurious to the other parts of worship. Excess in one direction naturally begets defect in other directions. Preaching is not an end, but a means. The great object of our religious services is to unite the people in the worship of God. Preaching has its function in bringing men into closer relations with God through the truths of the Gospel, and so into a more worshipful mood. But worship itself should not be subordinated to

that which is intended to be a mere adjunct. The evil results of a want of balance in our services are already visible among us. A kind of paralysis has gradually fallen upon the more strictly devotional parts of our worship. Prayer, praise, scripture reading, have grown formal and perfunctory. The minister's interest centers in his sermon. His preparation is chiefly for this. The people catch the minister's spirit. Expectation is toward the preaching. And so the tendency has been to curtail the other exercises. We are contented with three hymns, and even these are clipped of superabundant stanzas. A whole chapter of scripture taxes our patience. The time allowed for prayer is becoming more and more brief. All the services before the sermon are regarded as merely introductory, and when the sermon is over, the benediction is quickly in order. This evil has affected our very habits of public devotion. The dying out of the spirit of worship is seen in the very attitude and demeanor of the congregation. Standing and kneeling have given place to sitting, the position of hearers rather than of worshipers.\*

*A second point of criticism is the prominence given in our Congregational order of worship to a single person.* With the exception of the singing, all the parts of the service, prayers, reading of scriptures, sermon, reading of hymns, are performed, as a rule, by a single individual. Dr. Emmons used to say, in excuse for his own silence, when a ministerial brother helped him, "one voice is enough for one Sunday." It well illustrates the theory of our Congregational worship. I said congregational; but the word in such a connection is a misnomer. The very peculiarity of our Congregational worship is that it *is not* Congregational. The Congregation is mostly silent. We Congregationalists have given up to one man the functions of the Congregation.

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\*The custom of sitting in prayer has resulted in part from a change of theory as to the character of the service, and in part from the fact that the Congregation has so little active share in the exercises. The hardship of standing during the long prayer has favored the change. Mere sluggishness has something to do with it. But the growth of the idea that the great object of church going is to hear preaching, is after all a chief cause of it. The people seat themselves to hear the preacher. The appearance of some of our Congregations during prayer is a curious study. There is of course no intention of appearing undevotional. But it is impossible for an observer to avoid the conviction, that the people do not as a body really pray with the minister. They are *listening to his praying* with more or less of interest; and their posture is thus naturally a listening posture. Congregationalism has made good preachers and hearers, but poor worshipers.

The way in which this was brought about, is one of the most curious chapters in the history of the Puritan reaction. In laying aside all badges of Popery, the Puritans were led to reject even those elements of congregational worship which the Catholic church had retained from primitive times. A chief feature of the early Christian worship was its congregational character. All the people shared in it. There was congregational singing, common and responsive prayers, a frequent amen, and short responsive utterances. Then moreover the different parts of worship were led by different persons. There were various orders of clergy, with special offices. There were readers, and singers, and deacons, and presbyters, and soon bishops, all of whom had different functions in the church services. Instead of one leader and voice there were many, with a frequent chorus of the whole assembly. The Catholic church had retained something of this, though the ancient simplicity and purity of worship had been hid under superstitious ceremonies. But the Puritans would none of it at all. They confounded good and bad indiscriminately. Altars, chancels, priesthood, vestments, all the *bric a brac* of superstition must go; yea more that whole system of common worship which was the inheritance of Christendom from the earliest Christian ages must go too. And then, what is most remarkable of all, these Puritans with their hatred of priests and altars and liturgies, and of everything that smacked of clerical domination or Popish idolatries, proceeded to erect a lofty pulpit in the place where the altar had stood, and to put into it the Puritan minister, and to clothe both with a sacredness and reverence which almost rivalled in superstitious feeling the worst excesses of Roman Catholicism.\* Strange indeed that the

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\*The pulpit was not originally invested with any special sacredness. It was simply a raised platform; and its object was to give the preacher a better command of his hearers. It was sometimes in the center of the congregation, sometimes in front of the chancel. But the Communion table, or altar, as it came to be called, and the space around it occupied by the clergy, quickly assumed a sacred character, and became the center of the later superstitions of Roman Catholicism. The Puritans tore down the altar, but could not divest themselves wholly of the idea of a special sacredness attaching to the place where the altar stood. So the pulpit was substituted for it. This explains the strange feeling our fathers had in regard to the pulpit. It was a remnant of the superstition they had so largely thrown off. The isolated position and great height of the Puritan pulpit, had nothing to do, of course, with acoustic considerations, being rather in plain violation of them, but expressed the reverence and awe felt for the place, and for him who occupied it. This feeling has descended to our times. Many of our ministers are still com-

anti-clerical Puritan, with his extreme theories of the rights of the Christian brotherhood, should have been driven to the opposite extreme, and should have given up with one hand what he had just taken with the other, putting back into the hands of the minister what he had claimed for the whole congregation. But so it was. And hence our one-man service. The minister is isolated from the congregation in the "sacred desk," and from this height of privilege he performs all the devotions. The people on the contrary are simply lookers on. They are "hearers," or at least are supposed to be.

The evils of such a practice are patent. Our congregations are passive and listless and sluggish. I was especially impressed with this fact, as I attended the services in various Episcopal churches in England. There was a wakefulness, an attention, a spirit of true devotion, a hearty joining in every part of the service, which, in too many cases among us, are conspicuous by their absence. I know there are exceptions. There are men of genius upon whose lips congregations will always hang. But it is a weakness of our order of worship that so much is made dependent on a single individual. It imposes too heavy a burden on the minister. It leads congregations to be critical and exacting. It is this more than anything else that is demoralizing our pastorates, and turning the selection of ministers into a keen hunt for smart and taking men.

*A third point of criticism is the fewness of the exercises, and the want of variety in them.* Our services are usually composed of three prayers, as many hymns, one or two Scripture readings, and a sermon. A comparison of this order with the liturgies of the early church, or with the order of service of the church of England, reveals at once the remarkable meagerness of our worship. It may be urged that the number of exercises in those liturgies is excessive. And I will not deny it. But the contrast is suggestive; and the lesson is worth our attention. The ancient order of service was broken up into a large number of parts. The prayers were short and interspersed with responses and

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pelled to preach behind "wooden walls," and to "beat the air" across a space of fifteen or twenty feet between themselves and their hearers, because the people are so attached to the pulpits built by their fathers. If these Puritan pulpits were exchanged for the simple platforms or reading desks of the early church, and our ministers were thus brought into closer contact with their audiences, a part of the troubles connected with our present order of worship would end.



hymns. Variety and lightness of movement were thus secured, and the attention was more easily held. A crying evil of our worship is its monotony. Take, for example, the so-called long prayer. No part of the service is so trying to both minister and people. The theory of this prayer has been, that it should have a universal range in content and extent, and be elaborate in method and form. The "long prayers" of many of our preachers are quite as remarkable as their sermons for the intellectual and spiritual vigor displayed in them. The theory demands a considerable length; and our fore-fathers carried it out with heroic constancy. Their prayers would have astonished even a Jewish Rabbi. A process of curtailment has been going on, and it has been accelerated in our day. But even the shortened time of twelve or fifteen minutes spent in an elaborate extemporaneous effort involves an expenditure of force on the part of the minister, and of attention on the part of the people, which leads both parties to approach it with a wholesome fear. I have sometimes observed an audible expression of the relief which is felt by the audience at its close.

The ancient liturgies avoided this monotony and tediousness by the simple process of division. In place of a single long prayer there were distinct offerings of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and petition, mingled with hymns and responses. Great practical wisdom is shown in those early liturgies. They were arranged to meet the wants of the complex materials composing Christian congregations, the illiterate as well as the cultured, the young as well as the old. The length of the service was tempered by frequent breaks and changes which arrested and held the attention. Here is a weakness in our forms of worship. They lack elasticity. They strain the attention. They demand trained hearers. They are above the capacities of the less cultured and of the young.

Let me at this point put in a special plea for the children. I believe that our children should be trained from a very early age to a constant attendance on the public worship of the Lord's Day. But if they are to form a part of our congregations, their needs should be considered in our discussion of the question of the best order of service. Certainly the present order has little regard to them. The Puritan theory as to the relation of children to the Church led to a sad neglect of them in the arrangements of public worship. The most expected from them was that they should keep quiet and not disturb the service. We think of the long unintelligible sermons and prayers our grand-parents were

compelled to endure in childhood, and pity them. The present order is briefer, but the original defects still cling to it. It still looks to the wants of grown people rather than to those of the young.\*

I have thus set forth, in a general way, the chief defects of our order of worship. *How now can these defects be remedied?* I am not prepared to advocate a return to a full liturgy with its prescribed prayers. The great advantage of our mode of worship is that it allows a freemovement of the religious emotions in extemporaneous prayer, and gives opportunity to recognize the various new wants that are constantly arising. But it is to be noted that this liberty is accorded only to the minister. The rest of the congregation are obliged to follow his lead. Our boasted liberty of the spirit, after all, is not congregational. Our congregations are as much bound by the leadership of the minister, as the Episcopal congregations are by their prayer book. There is no more spontaneousness in the one case than in the other. Still the liberty of the minister should be preserved. But this may be done, and at the same time we may learn some useful lessons from our liturgical brethren, and in fact recover, as we ought to, our lost birthright of a true congregational worship.

This was the great virtue of the old liturgies. They were based on the idea that *worship is a congregational act*. Hence the people were allowed a prominent part in prayer and praise. This required of course common or prescribed prayers as well as hymns. And just this is what liturgy means. It simply recognizes worship as a common act of the whole congregation. This was the very starting point of the earliest Christian worship. Justin Martyr, describing the mode of worship of the times immediately succeeding the Apostolic Age, says, "Then we all rise together and pray, and when our prayer is ended the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying amen." You notice how the liturgical and extemporaneous elements of worship are here united. Puritanism

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\*I am not quite converted to the growing fashion of short preliminary sermons to children. It seems like a too literal application of Paul's expression in regard to milk for babes. Such a practice logically involves the absence of the children from the subsequent exercises, and would naturally lead to it. I should rather advocate an adaptation of the whole order of service to the wants of all classes. Children are always interested in congregational singing. They can follow short simple prayers. Sermons too ought to be practical plain and simple enough, as a rule, to engage their attention. Indeed such "sincere milk of the word" is what the older people need as well.

did a good work in restoring the extemporaneous element which had been so largely lost; but it made a sad mistake in rejecting wholly the equally important element of congregational prayer, in other words, the liturgical element.

Let me now pass in brief review *the several exercises of worship*, with a special regard to *the amendments needed*. As to *the sermon*, I have only to say that it should be remanded to its proper place as an adjunct of the service. I would give it still a leading place. But I would insist that it be properly subordinated to the end of worship, instead of worship being subordinated to it. Our religious forms should be freely changed in accordance with the changing needs of the worshippers. There was a special reason for the new zeal which animated the preaching of the Protestant Reformers. The truths of the Gospel had long been hid from the people, and they hungered for the bread of life which the Reformers had discovered afresh in the Holy Scriptures. There was a reason also for the prominence which our forefathers gave to the sermon. It was almost their sole intellectual as well as spiritual nutriment. The feast of Sunday followed a six days' fast. Our needs are different. The Gospel is not a new thing. We have the open Bible in our hands. The age moreover is one of immense intellectual activity. It is an age of books and newspapers and magazines both secular and religious. A cheap literature floods the community. We need a revival of the old Mosaic rest-day for body mind and spirit. And worship when fitly offered is restful. As Robertson has beautifully said: "humbleness, awe, adoration, love, these have in them no weariness." The age needs more of worship on the Lord's Day, and less of intellectual excitement and stimulus. So I would have the sermon narrowed and simplified somewhat in its scope and object. We do not need to have a whole Gospel launched upon us every Sunday. Let us have rather such a word in season as shall help us to worship more gladly and fervently.\*

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\*At certain seasons, or in times of peculiar religious interest, special prominence may well be given to preaching. Then sermons may be lengthened, and subjects discussed which claim more ample treatment. It seems to me that our sermonising lacks something of what Paul styles a "right dividing of the word of truth." It goes too much by routine or by the transient moods of the preacher. Preaching, to be effectual, should be planned like a campaign. There cannot be pitched battles every day. The great merit of successful strategy is to have everything tell in the battle when it comes and make it decisive. So preaching should have an eye to times and seasons, and to the reciprocity of hearers. I suspect that too many "powerful" sermons are preached. They are apt to be like indecisive battles which only exhaust the combatants.

Next, *as to the prayers*, they should be shortened and multiplied. And here I come to the question of common or liturgical prayers. I trust that we are already prepared, from what has been said, to that if we would restore the old congregational forms of worship must employ *prayers that all can join in*. I know the objections that are constantly brought against the use of liturgical forms of prayer; I do not feel their force. The main charge is that forms inevitably duce formality. But how is it with the forms we ourselves use? Is it impossible to have a common religious service without some forms. Our hymns, our doxologies, our scripture readings, are forms; they are liturgical. There is more liturgy in our so-called extempore prayers than we imagine. How many expressions culled from Scripture, or so original with the minister, have become stereotyped in his prayers, and are as familiar to us as household words! Do we grow formal in the use of these forms? Does the frequent singing of "Rock of ages cleft for me," or "There is a fountain filled with blood," induce formality? Would then should the frequent use of a prayer like the Lord's prayer, or that of St. Chrysostom with which the English church closes its order of service, induce formality? The *undue* use of a liturgy may lead to evil results, and undoubtedly has done so. But this is no argument against the *proper* use of one. I am strongly in favor of the introduction into our worship of prayers adapted for common use, selected from the wealth of material which has come down through the ages from the earliest times. In place of the "long prayer,"—which is often rather a long sermon in reverie in the disguise of prayer, having very little to do with the plain wants of the congregation,—I would substitute a series of such selected common prayers in which the general and ordinary thanksgivings, confessions and petitions of the worshipers may be voiced, these be followed by a short extemporaneous prayer of the minister keyed to the providential circumstances of the occasion. Such common prayer would, I think, stimulate devotion and prepare the way for a more hearty joining with the minister in extemporaneous prayer. This would also supply a new bond of union with the whole brotherhood of Christians in all ages and countries. As the hymns of Toplady and Cowper and Watts and Luther and Ambrose grow sacred with associations and memories, and so the more inspiring, the more we sing them, so the prayers gathered from the old liturgies once used by Irenaeus and Augustine and Calvin and Cranmer, and hallowed by their faith and devotion, would surely make us feel that Christ's church is one always and everywhere, and so kindle within us a higher Christian glow; and the more we used them the dearer would they be to us.

My eye fell by chance the other day on a prayer offered by the congregation, in the so called liturgy of James,—one of the oldest liturgies in existence,—which I will quote as illustrating what prayers we may find all ready for use when the spirit of search shall be roused within us. The deacon has just prayed “for all men and all women,” the people responding, “and for all men and all women.” Next the minister joins in: “Wherefore, both to them and to us, do thou in thy goodness and love,” and then the people take it up, “Forgive, remit, pardon, O God, our transgressions voluntary and involuntary, in deed and in word, in knowledge and in ignorance, by night and by day, in thought and intent, in thy goodness and love, forgive us them all.” What extempore prayer even from eloquent lips could be more tender and appropriate at all times than that!

But while I would advocate a limited use of liturgical prayers in order to stimulate the part taken by the congregation in worship, let it be remembered that I am very far from advocating a return to a merely liturgical service. This would be robbing Peter to pay Paul. There is no reason why extemporaneous prayer should be given up when common prayers are introduced. The two methods are not antagonistic. I believe trial would show that they are mutually helpful. Certainly they were used together in the early Church.

A question may also arise as to the liturgical prayers to be employed. This is anticipating what belongs to a later stage of the discussion. But I should not favor the use of any elaborate prayer book, as, for example, that of the Episcopal Church. A small service book specially prepared, consisting of selections from the various liturgies of Christendom, would best meet the wants of our Congregational churches. And even such a service book should be used with freedom. Liturgy, like other means of grace, is made for man, not man for liturgy. The prayers used might be varied at the discretion of the minister, as is the case with hymns. On some occasions there might be more of common liturgical prayer, on others more of extemporaneous prayer. Congregationalism theoretically and instinctively demands liberty. I believe the strongest practical objections to the use of any liturgical forms arise from the apprehension that somehow such forms would cramp the liberty of both minister and people. I think the fear is needless. Forms cramp only those who have fallen into a dead faith. “Where the spirit of the Lord is,” there will inevitably be “liberty.” Forms in such a case will be simply the freely chosen channels of a living and earnest devotion.

I have a single suggestion to make in regard to the *reading of the Scriptures*. In the early church this was considered a very important part of Divine service. Passages of Scripture were assigned to be read on certain days, so that the whole Bible or at least large portions of it might be gone over in due course. This is one of the best features of the English Prayer Book. The Puritans discarded the prescribed selections of Scripture, and, as I have said, for a time even rejected altogether this part of the service. In our present order the Scripture readings are wholly voluntary. Usually the chapter containing the text is read. As a result the reading of the Scriptures is entirely a hap-hazard affair. Some of the more familiar portions of the Bible are read repeatedly, while large parts of it are never read at all. The consequence is a growing ignorance of the contents of the Bible among the people. We boast of our Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, but it remains true that the average Congregationalist is inferior in acquaintance with the Scriptures to the average English Churchman; and the cause of it is undoubtedly to be traced largely to the want of a systematic course of Scripture readings in our public worship. We cannot rely on the private reading of the Bible to take the place of the public reading. The Bible is not read as much as it used to be. It is no longer the one book even of the poor. I think the attention of our churches should be called to the danger that menaces us in this direction; and measures should be taken to check its growth. The Sabbath School does not reach the whole congregation. More space should be given to Scripture reading and interpretation in our Sabbath worship, and special effort should be made to give system, variety, breadth and discursiveness, to the selections. When we consider what a power for good, religiously, socially, and intellectually, the English Version of the Bible has been to the English and American peoples, we shall surely need no argument to convince us that it ought to have a larger place in our order of worship than it has now; and we may hope that the New Revision will awaken such a new interest in it that a more extended reading of it in our public services will be welcomed by our congregations.

And now a word as to the "*service of song*." Perhaps no part of our religious exercises so well illustrates the utter loss among us of the congregational idea of worship. As we have a minister to pray for us, so we have a choir to sing for us. And as we put the minister in the pulpit at one end of the church, so we put the choir in a gallery or organ loft at the other end. We have recently been trying to restore congregational

singing; but with little success thus far, and no wonder. There seems to be a deep prejudice against it. Besides how can a choir in a gallery lead a congregation? The first step toward success in congregational singing must be a return to the custom of the early church. A choir was used, but it was placed in the very midst of the congregation. There is no reason, when this change has been made, why congregational singing should be a failure. There are singers enough in our churches. The popularity of praise meetings shows what the people are longing for. Song should be the most inspiring and delightful of all our services. Let minister and choir and people be brought together in one singing company, and we may have illustrated what Augustine says of the Donatists: that they "sing psalms of human composition which rouse them like the stirring notes of the trumpet on the battle field."

In closing I present a scheme of worship, simply as a crude embodiment of the changes which I think may profitably be made.

1. *Introductory.* Doxology by the congregation, invocation by the minister, closing with the Lord's Prayer in which the congregation joins.
2. *Service of Praise.* Responsive readings from the Psalms and other liturgical portions of Scripture, followed by a hymn.
3. *Scripture readings,* followed by a chant.
4. *Service of Prayer.* Consisting of common prayers by the congregation, closing with a brief extempore prayer by the minister.
5. *Sermon,* prefaced by a hymn.
6. *Closing service.* One or two brief common prayers, hymn, and benediction.\*

A single word more. How can the needed changes be effected? In all such matters we Congregationalists have our own, and, as we regard it, more excellent way. We do not settle such questions in ecclesiastical

\*This order may seem too long. But it is based on the idea of brevity in most of the exercises. I should divide the time proper for the service somewhat as follows:

Introductory..	5.....	minutes.
Praise.....	10.....	"
Scripture.....	10 to 15	"
Prayers.....	10 to 15	"
Sermon....	25 to 30	"
Close.....	5.....	"

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Whole service 65 to 80 minutes.

councils, but we discuss them ; we seek light from God's word, from tory, from our own experience ; and then each church acts for its some leading, some following, others waiting, until sooner or later unity of the spirit overcomes all differences of opinion and custom. we find ourselves substantially agreed. Our first need then is calm intelligent discussion. It is in the hope of stimulating such discussion among our churches that this paper has been written.

Of course it cannot be expected that all its suggestions will be unanimously approved. But if they shall direct public attention to the subject and induce an earnest consideration of it, my object will be accomplished. Certainly this is no time for a timid conservatism which clings to what is established and old, *simply because it is established and old*. The spirit of our Pilgrim Fathers was very different. They were innovators. As reformers they were Hebrews of the Hebrews. They believed with John Robinson, one of their leaders, that "More light was yet to be brought forth from God's word," and they bravely followed that light, as far as it was revealed to them. Let us be true children of the Puritans. If the order of worship really needs amendment, let us make full use of Christian and Congregational liberty. It has had a noble history, it has restored and vindicated the extemporaneous element in worship, it has honored preaching as "the power of God and the wisdom of God." But it has defects which are fraught with evil tendencies. I have endeavored to point them out, and to indicate the line of remedy. What we need is a Congregational revival ; that is, a revival of the idea that worship is the act of the whole Congregation, and with it a revival of Congregational forms,—common liturgical acts of prayer and praise. Then will come a revival of the spirit of worship, now sadly declining. Our religious services will become instinct again with the original Apostolicunction and power, and the Psalmist's devout exclamation will be echoed afresh from many fervent tongues, "A day Thy courts is better than a thousand."



## NECROLOGY.

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REV. ALBERT COLE, in Cornish, Jan. 29, 1881, æt. 63, (of heart disease.)

Mr. C. the son of Daniel and Mary (Powers) Cole, was born in Cornish, Me., July 15, 1818. He received his higher English and Classical education in Limerick Academy; the High and Select school at Cornish, and at Medway, Mass.; and by private tuition from Rev. David Sanford, of Medway,—and in great part without a teacher. He mastered the difficulties of Greek Grammar without a teacher, and likewise read considerably in the Latin and Greek classics alone. Mr. C. graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1846, and has devoted his life to preaching the Gospel, except fifteen months on the home farm, during the illness of his father, though during that time he supplied occasionally a pulpit.

Mr. C. ministered to the church in Winslow, in March, 1846, and from September 1, 1846, to January, 1851,—ordained its pastor, March 24, 1847, and dismissed Dec. 11, 1850; supplied at Benton, in January 1851: acting-pastor at Sanford, Feb. 1, 1851, to April 20, 1853; at Limerick, July 1, 1853, to December, 1855; ordained pastor Dec. 19, 1855: resigned March 28, 1857,—left April 12, and removed to Cornish, where he resided until his death. He was acting-pastor from July 4, 1858. He was dismissed by Council from the pastorate at Limerick, March 6, 1860. On Sabbath afternoons from October, 1874, Mr. C. preached in Hiram, relinquishing this service a few weeks before his death, on account of his health.

Mr. C. was Secretary of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, from 1864 to 1867. Scribe and Treasurer of York Conference, 1867, and wrote the Pastoral address which was read at the meeting, at South Berwick, in 1867. Resolutions adopted by this Conference, in memoriam, were published in Ch. Mir., Feb. 1.

He was confined to his bed for three weeks, before his death, suffering intensely from gangrene of the right leg. He bore it patiently and calmly, fully trusting in the Divine Redeemer, he so truly loved and followed.

### FORMER MINISTERS.

REV. JOSIAH WORCESTER CARR PIKE, in Douglass, Mass., Sabbath morning, August 29, 1880, æt. 73. (Bright's Disease.)

Mr. P. the son of Josiah and Sally (Stone) Pike, was born in Newburyport, Mass., November 20, 1807.

His father was drowned when he was an infant. His mother being left a widow with five children, he early began to work for the support of the family, and until the death of his mother in 1855. He was a sign painter, glazier, and paper-hanger.

In 1831, he became a christian, uniting with the North church, Newburyport, Dr. Dimmock. Pastor. He studied Theology with Rev. Randolph Campbell, of the Fourth Cong'l church. He became interested in the temperance question, lecturing on the subject, and preaching the gospel, as he had opportunity. In 1862, he supplied the church in North Carver, Mass. That year he went west, and was ordained pastor at Canfield, O., Jan. 12, 1863, laboring there until he went to North Belfast, Me., where he was acting-pastor from Sept. 1, 1865, to October, 1866. From November 1866, to 1869, he was at Weston, Vt.; from March, 1869, 2½ years, with Second church Wellfleet, Mass.; from March 1, 1872, two years with First church, Douglass Center; from June 1874, to July 1, 1877, at Holland, from whence he removed to East Douglass. He supplied at South Sutton, and other places, occasionally, as his health permitted, in 1878 '9. When not preaching, he attended constantly the Sabbath School, and week day meetings. He last attempted to preach April 4, 1880, but was unable to go through the service. He was confined to his bed about a week before his death, realizing that his life was drawing near to its close. He passed gently and peacefully away. His life was one of much prayer;—in disposition genial;—an earnest and faithful laborer;—happy in the Master's service. Ob. Worcester South Compendium, Uxbridge, Mass., Sep. 4. Congregationalist, Sep. 8. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, in Cong'l Year-Book, 1881, p. 32.

REV. EUSEBIUS HALE, in Baiting Hollow, Long Island, N. Y., Sep. 24, 1880, æt. 74 (suddenly of Heart Disease.)

Mr. H., the son of Josiah and Phebe (Emerson) Hale, was born in Norridgewock, Me., Dec. 18, 1806. He was a mechanic in early life, licensed to preach by the Somerset Association, in 1842.—labored in the ministry at Fairfield, Winslow and elsewhere to 1846. Ordained as an Evangelist at Sangerville, Oct. 28, 1847. Supplying that church, Blanchard and Atkinson till 1850. Acting-pastor at Bradford 1850-'52. Removed to Long Island in 1852, and resided there except six years, when he was in Western New York. A. P., at Wading River, N. Y., 1852-'53. Installed at Aquebogue, Oct. 19, 1854 (a. p. from 1853), dis. 1860. A. P. at Wellsville, 1860-4; Somerset, 1864-6; Cutchogue, 1866-'76; Baiting Hollow, 1876 until death. In his 74th year he preached three times every alternate Sabbath: going three miles from the church to preach in the afternoon. "A good man, a true yoke-fellow, ready to every good work; full of sympathy and love; unselfish, humble, sincere, pure-hearted, whole-souled." The text of the funeral service gives his biography in a sentence, as it was read by those who knew him best. "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

Ob. Congregationalist, Oct. 13; Ch. Mir., Oct. 16, W. P.; Home Missionary, Dec. 1880, T. N. B. p. 200; New York Minutes, 1880, p. 50; Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Con'g Year-Book, '81 p. 24.

REV. THOMAS ADAMS, D. D., in Winslow, February 4, 1881, æt. 89, of old age.

Dr. A., the son of Benjamin and Eunice (Hale) Adams, was born in West Brookfield, Mass. Feb. 7, 1792. His preparatory education was at Leicester Academy. He graduated at Dartmouth College, in 1814, from which he received in 1872 the degree of D. D. Studied Theology with Rev. Thomas Snell of North Brookfield, Mass., and was licensed by the Brookfield Association, Sep. 18, 1816; preceptor of an Academy at Stroudsburg, Penn. one year, from Sep. 1814 to 1815; ordained Pastor of the church in Vassalboro, Aug. 26, 1818, having previously preached for a few weeks in Holland, Topsfield, and Lynn, Mass., and Farmington, Me.; dismissed April 1, 1834, and was Agent for ten months of the Maine Temperance Society,—earnest and faithful. While at Vassalboro. he also supplied a branch of that church in Winslow, Sep. 7, 1818 to April 1828; also, another branch at Clinton. April 22, 1821 to 1828. He also supplied at Winslow, 1832-4. In 1825 there were eighty-two additions to the church in Vassalboro, ten in Winslow, and two in Clinton. An increase from fifteen at its organization in 1818, to one-hundred and thirty-three in 1825.

He commenced labors with the church in Waterville Feb'y, 1835; installed its pastor Sep. 27, 1836; dismissed June 4, 1838. Agent of the Maine Temperance Union three months; then Editor for five years of the *Maine Temperance Gazette*; three years at Augusta, and two years at Portland. His labors in the temperance cause had an important part in forming the public estimate of the evils of dram-drinking and selling. He was also an out-spoken anti-slavery man.

Dr. A. left Maine in the fall of 1843, and resided chiefly in North Brookfield, Mass. until July 1846, performing an agency in the mean time for the American Tract Society, Boston, for about twenty months. Preached at Hampden, Ohio, one year from July, 1846, and in Thompson, Ohio, for nine years from 1847; then labored for four years from 1856, in Ohio for the Congregational Board of Publication; labored for a little more than a year among feeble churches in Geneva and Ashtabula Counties, Ohio; spent a portion of 1863 to 1865 in Pittston, Maine, dividing his labors in 1864-5 with the church in Vassalboro. resuming in May, 1865, informally, the pastoral charge of the church in Vassalboro. to which he gave the vigor of his youth nearly half a century before. He remained here until 1870, removing then to Winslow, where his busy and useful life of nearly four score years and ten closed, not long before the dawning of the earthly Sabbath; merging into the more effulgent light of the heavenly.

Dr. A. was one of the most constant and interested attendants upon the County Conferences and Associations and the meetings of the

General Conference. His frequent and apt reminiscences of the past were much enjoyed, and his general remarks on various topics, as they came up, showed much acumen, raciness and wit, as well as a consecrated and devout spirit.

His latest efforts were at the semi-centennial celebration of the organization of the churches in Winslow and Waterville, Aug. 25, 1878. He gave a brief history of his labors in the morning, conducted the observance of the Lord's Supper in the afternoon, and the devotional exercises in the evening. He was at the General Conference at Auburn in July 1878, delegate from Kennebec Conference, and introduced resolutions on Temperance. In Oct. 1878, he administered the Lord's Supper at Kennebec Conference in Winslow. He was Recording Secretary of the General Conference in 1828, and in 1829 preached the annual sermon before the Maine Missionary Society at Waldoboro. Text. Rev. 19:17. In the semi-centennial number of the Maine Minutes, 1876, pp. 65-67, are published his interesting reminiscences of Kennebec Conference.

As illustrative of his earnest devotion to his life-work, the following is communicated by his daughter. While living in Ohio a settlement of Germans was formed near him, fresh from the father-land;—of course unable to speak or understand a word of our language. He would not pass them by. In the first place he obtained tracts in their language and distributed them; then obtaining the proper text-books, applied himself to the study of the German, and with such success, that he was able to solemnize marriages, and finally to preach to them; and if they could not come to him, he would go to them. He afterwards studied French and acquired sufficient knowledge of that language to read with ease. This was after his sixtieth birth-day.

His desire to be at work was shown during the last week of his life. Even in his wanderings, sometimes talking all night, he would be dwelling upon his work,—either of his past life, as preaching, or at social meetings,—of or something yet to be done.

Mr. A. was married to Sarah, daughter of Joshua Barnard June 13, 1819, who died June 18, 1821:—to Lavinia, daughter of William Swan of Winslow, Sep. 3, 1822, who died July 15, 1826:—and on the 26th of August 1829, to Catherine L., daughter of Caleb Lyman of North Brookfield, Mass., who died Nov. 28, 1879. Dr. A. leaves one daughter, Sarah B. of Winslow, with whom he has lived during his later years. One son, Edward F., resides in San Francisco, Cal. Thomas Barnard and William, died some years ago. Ob. Ch. Mir. Feb. 12; Waterville Mail, Feb. 12.

Funeral services were held in the church at Winslow, Feb. 7 (his birth-day). A memorial address was delivered by Rev. J. T. Hawes of Litchfield, a life-long acquaintance; followed with remarks by Rev. John Dinsmore, formerly of Winslow, Rev. E. N. Smith of Waterville, T. R. Nichols of the Friend's Society, and Rev. M. Martin of Waterville. Prayers, Revs. G. W. Jones of Winslow, H. V. Emmons of Hallowell, and L. Wiswall of Windham.

REV. CHARLES PACKARD, in Windham, New Hampshire. Feb. 19, 1881, æt. 62 years (of heart disease.)

Mr. P., the son of Eliphalet and Abigail (Snell) Packard was born in Buckfield, Me. Oct. 14, 1818. He fitted for College at Yarmouth Academy; graduated at Bowdoin College 1842; Bangor Seminary 1845. While in the Senior class he supplied for a short time in Orono. Acting pastor First Ch. Norway, from Sep. 7, 1845; ordained Pastor May 6, 1846; dismissed Dec. 13, 1849. Installed Pastor at Harrison, Feb. 7, 1850; dismissed Dec. 27, 1852. On account of his wife's health he went South and taught in the Academy at Atlanta, Ga. from Jan. 1853, to Feb'y 1854. Installed Pastor at New Gloucester, Me. Nov. 2, 1854; dismissed Feb. 13, 1864. Installed Pastor at Limerick, March 7, 1860; resigned July 1, 1864; dismissed by Council Feb'y 12, 1868. Acting pastor at Woolwich from Aug. 1, 1864 to Aug. 8, 1867. Acting-pastor at Waldoboro from Aug. 4, 1867; installed Pastor June 9, 1868; resigned Nov. 1870; dismissed by Council, Nov. 8, 1872. Acting-pastor at Alstead, N. H. Jan'y. 1871-'73. Installed pastor at Windham, N. H. Apr. 29, 1873. Mr. P. prepared a history of this church, which was given in a sermon July 9, 1876, and afterwards printed. At Harrison, and Woolwich there were quite extensive revivals,—30 to 40, added to the former church, and 50 to 60 to the latter: in other places there was much religious interest.

Mr. P. was a diligent student, a faithful worker; of pure mind and heart, imbued with the spirit of his master. His sermons were plain and scriptural, and calculated to instruct and improve the intellect and heart: in the prayer-meeting he was eminently helpful in encouraging and strengthening the christian life. He was disabled for work only for about three weeks, and when seized with illness, was engaged in writing a sermon from the text "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." This sermon was read from his pulpit after his death. Funeral services were held in the meeting-house. Sermon by Rev. Charles Tenney, of Chester, N. H., Rev. Dr. Wallace of Manchester, N. H. offered prayer; Rev. Samuel Bowker, and others took part. Ob. Cong'lst, Mch. 2; Ch. Mir. Mch. 5; Statesman, Concord N. H. May 10.

REV. HENRY RICHARDSON, in Gilead, Me. March 23, 1881, æt. 81 years.

Mr. R. the son of John Barnard, and Mabel (Wolcott) Richardson, was born in Springfield, Mass. Nov. 28, 1799. His academical Education was at Bradford, Mass. Grad. from Bangor Seminary 1830. He was ordained at Sidney, Me. Nov. 23, 1838, the first pastor of the Church, organized in 1829; he was dis. Sep. 20, 1833. After three months labor in Camden, he went to Brownville, and was installed pastor May 21, 1834.—Supplying also a part of the time at Milo and Williamsburg; he was dis. Jan'y. 12, 1838. (Father John Sawyer was Moderator of both Councils; and at the latter though in mid-winter, and at four-score years of age, he rode twenty-five miles, bearing the cold weather more bravely than younger members.) At the semi-centennial

celebration of the organization of Penobscot Conference, 1875, held in Brownville, where it was formed, Mr. Richardson wrote a letter for the occasion, in which he referred to many tender and pleasant recollections of his ministry there, and to families and individuals whom he much esteemed and loved.

Mr. R. was acting-pastor at Gilead, Me. and Shelburne, N. H. from May 1838, and on the 10th of June, was installed joint-pastor of the two churches; dis. March 14, 1849. In 1846, he supplied also a part of the time, the church at Dixfield. For a few months after this, he fulfilled a mission at Sebeccook, Sidney, and Vassalboro, and then was called to Goshen N. H., and was acting-pastor from March 17, 1850, to Aug. 26, 1861.

He returned to Gilead, and from 1861, to 1864, supplied the church so far as his health would permit,—occasionally getting a substitute to supply his place. Since that he has been a resident of Gilead, suffering from rheumatism, unable to walk, or even to stand; bowed down greatly from the effects of the disease. Very patient has he been, and wonderfully sustained in all his suffering and weakness, having the assurance that God would never forsake him.

He was a good preacher and pastor, and devoted quietly and diligently to the work to which the Master had called him. Cong'lst, April 6; Ch. Mir., April 7.

Mr. R. married Sept. 3, 1842, Eunice Farley, daughter of Rev. David and Prudence (Brown) Thurston, of Winthrop. His wife and three children survive. John Francis, Henry Brown and Mary Elizabeth.

At the funeral service, Rev. Thomas P. Williams preached from Matt. 26: 42, "Thy will be done." Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, and Rev. A. J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H., also took part in the exercises. The Hymn, "Whiter than Snow," a favorite of Mr. R's. was sung; also the anthem "No Night in Heaven," and the Hymn, "How blest the righteous when he dies."

REV. JOHN LANGDON ASHBY, in Washington, D. C., of pneumonia, March 29, 1881, æt. 70.

Mr. A. was born in Warner, N. H., Oct. 8, 1810. A graduate of Amherst College. 1837. Andover 1840, one year. Acting-pastor in South Market N. H., April, 1840 to July, 1841. Ordained pastor at First church, York, July 7, 1841, dis. Feb. 27, 1849. A brief commission for Maine Missionary Society at Sanford, from Oct. 24, 1850. Installed pastor of Second church, Westbrook, (Sacarrappa.) Nov. 13, 1851, dis. Sept. 14, 1858, a. p. there, 1860-3. Residence, 1858-60 in California. Clerk in the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., 1863 to '76. Bookseller there until decease.

REV. JOHN PARKER SKEELE, in East Bloomfield, N. Y., April 28, 1881, æt. 59 yrs. (pluero pneumonia.)

Mr. S. the son of John and Charlotte F. Skeele, was born in Kennebunkport, Me., Oct. 11, 1822. He united with the church at Alfred.

Rev. Albert W. Fiske pastor, in 1840. Graduated at Bowdoin College in 1845, and from Bangor Seminary in 1850. Ordained pastor at Hallowell, Oct. 9, 1850; dis. Dec. 23, 1857. Installed pastor at Wilbraham, Mass. Nov. 30, 1858; dis. May 10, 1865. District Secretary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., for Southern New England, from 1864-'70. Installed Pastor at Hatfield, Mass., May 4, 1870, remaining three years. Acting-pastor at East Bloomfield, New York., from 1873, until his death.

Mr. S. married Elizabeth Blodgett of Bucksport, who with three sons, survive him. The eldest is about graduating from Andover Seminary, and has supplied his father's pulpit.

Mr. S. was a fine scholar, a clear and winning preacher, a faithful pastor; active and genial in all his work.

JOHN CAMPBELL EDGAR, in Hubbardton, Vt. suddenly, of rheumatism of the heart. April 29, 1881, æt. 43.

Mr. E. was of Scotch nativity, one of the famous Queen's Own Scottish Highlanders, who took part in the celebrated "Charge of the Light Brigade," at Balaklava. The hardships of his experience in the Crimean war, showed its effects, as his physician stated it would, in after life. But as a faithful soldier of the cross, he spared himself no work, which he could do, until he fell with his armor on.

Mr. E. graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1875. He supplied at Holden, Me., October, 1874 to June, 1875. Ordained at Saundersville, Mass., to the work of the ministry, June 13, 1875, and was acting-pastor at Heath, Mass., from that time, until he removed in 1880, to Hubbardton, Vt.

He is spoken of by E. T. II. in Cong'list, May 11, as of transparent sweetness, genuine gifts, and modest worth, heroic and faithful as a christian minister. In a notice by another, June 8, he is characterized as a christian and a gentleman, in every sense of the words. He always had a smile, and a hearty hand-shake for all. He made it a point to visit all the sick in town, twice or thrice a week, regardless of his own health and comfort.

JAMES ROYALL CUSHING in East Haverhill, Mass., June 11, 1881, æt. 81.

Mr. C. was the son of Theodore, and Abigail (Jackman) Cushing, born in Salisbury, N. H., Nov. 24, 1800. He received his Academic Education principally in Thetford, Vt., and was fitted for an advanced standing in College. He entered Bangor Seminary in 1825, and graduated in 1828. Licensed by the Penobscot Association, Dec. 27, 1827. After preaching five months in Boston as City Missionary, he went to Boxboro, Mass., April, 1829, where he was ordained Aug. 12, 1829; dis. June 10, 1833, having accepted an agency for the American Tract Society. In December, 1833, he again commenced his labors as City Missionary in Boston, employed by the "Society for the moral and religious instruction of the poor." He resigned in April, 1835, on account of his health. He was installed Pastor of the church in East Haverhill, Mass., June 10, 1835; dis. April 1844. Installed Pastor First church,

Wells, Me. Nov. 20, 1844 ; dis. May, 20, 1854. A. p. at E. Taunton, Mass. seven years ; then at North Rochester, Mass. Cotuit, Marston's Mills, ending his active ministry at Waquoit. From thence he removed to his former parish in East Haverhill, where he closed his long life peacefully.

Rev. Raymond H. Seeley, D. D. of Haverhill, Mass., at his funeral spoke of him as an affable, devoted, sincere and prayerful man, universally beloved, wherever he was known.

The average age of six of the above is 78 years ; of four, 57 years ; the ten, 69 years.

REV. HENRY BOYNTON SMITH D. D. LL. D., in New York City, Feb. 7, 1877, æt. 61. Dr. S. the son of Henry and Arisene (Southgate) Smith, was born in Portland, Me. Nov. 21, 1815. His preparatory studies were pursued at the High School, and at the Academy in Poland, giving promise of eminent scholarship, graduated at Bowdoin College in 1834. In 1835-'67 he was at Bangor Theological Seminary, a portion of the time, and writing for the Press. The winter of 1837 spent in Paris, and from thence went to Germany, and studied Theology and Philosophy, under Prof. Tholuch, and others, to 1840. Returning to this country, he was appointed temporary instructor in Bowdoin Coll. during the absence of Pres. Woods in Europe. Afterwards he preached in Roxbury Mass., Portsmouth N. H., South Berwick Me., Norwalk Conn., and Amesbury Mass., though in feeble health. At Amesbury he was ordained pastor, Dec. 29, 1842, and remained there until 1847. In June 1843, he was elected Prof. of Rhetoric in Amherst Coll., which he did not accept. In 1845, he delivered the address before the Rhetoric Society in Bangor Seminary, on the Pulpit and Qualifications of a preacher ; and in the winter of 1845-'46 and 1846-'47, he was assistant instructor in Hebrew at Andover Seminary. In June 1847, he was elected Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics in Amherst Coll. which he accepted, remaining three years. In July 1850, he was elected Professor of Church History in Union Theological Seminary, New York, which position he maintained until 1854, when he was transferred to the Professorship of Theology in the same Seminary, continuing until 1874, when his health failed him. He was chosen in '74 Emeritus Professor of Apologetics. In the summer of 1859, he went to Europe : re-visited Germany in 1866 ; was in Europe and the East 1869-'70, chiefly to regain his health,—adding meanwhile to his literary acquirements. In addition to his indefatigable toils in the Seminary, he did a vast amount of mental work, editing the Am. Theological Review, writing addresses and critical articles for the press ; taking also a prominent part in the meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. His life and work, edited by his wife, with a portrait is published (1881.) in an octavo volume, 482 pps.

JAMES MEANS, died in Newbern, N. C. of Typhoid fever, Apr. 6, 1861 æt. 50 years, born in Amherst N. H. 1813, Apr. 27. Bowdoin College 1832. Teacher in the Preparatory Department Bangor Theological



Seminary, Andover 1830, Teacher Abbot Academy, Andover, etc. Notice in History of Abbot Academy, p. 389.

PHEBE FULLER MCKEEN, died June 3, 1880, æt. 49. A daughter of Rev. Silas McKeen, pastor in Belfast, 1833-'41, and principal of Abbot Female Academy. Notice in history of that Academy p. XII-XX. A Scholarship in memoriam has been founded by her pupils. (1881.)

MRS. TACE W. ROWLAND, wife of Rev. L. S. Rowland, pastor first ch. Bangor, 1864-'67. Teacher in Abbot Academy, 1858-'64, Notice in its history, p. 59. Died in Saratoga. N. Y. Mch. 23, 1873, æt. 38.

REV. DAVID TEMPLE PACKARD, in Stockton, California Nov. 28, 1880, æt. 50.

Mr. P. was born in North Bridgewater, Mass. August 24, 1854, the son of David and Elizabeth (Drake) Packard. Graduate of Amherst College 1850, Bangor Seminary 1854. He was ordained in Brockton, Mass. Sep. 21, 1854; dis. Oct. 1, 1856; A. P. at Rock Island Ills. 1857, Davenport Iowa, 1858; Somerville, Mass., Pastor 1858-'60; Brighton, Mass., 1866-'73; A. P. at Los Angeles, Cal. 1874-'79; Stockton, Cal. 1879, until death. He was on his way to attend the funeral of an Irish Catholic, whom the priest refused to bury, and was thrown from his carriage, Nov. 20. receiving injuries which were fatal. Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year-Book, 1881, p. 30.

REV. SILAS KETCHUM, in Boston Mass., April 24, 1880, of heart disease, æt 44.

Mr. K. the son of Silas and Cynthia (Doty) Ketchum, was born in Barre. Vt. Dec. 4, 1835, College studies pursued privately, graduated Bangor Sem'y, 1863. Ordained Evangelist at Bristol, N. H. Sep. 1867, where he was a. p. 1866 to 1875; Poquanock, Conn- 1877-'79; and died in office. He was founder of the N. H. Antiquarian Society, of which he was Secretary and President six years; member of Historical Societies, and was preparing several historical, works. Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year-Book, 1881, p. 27.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

EDWARD FRANCIS CUTTER D. D. Minutes 1880, p. 90. Vital Statistics, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Cong'l Year-Book 1881, p. 20.

BENNETT ROBERTS, Minutes 1880, p. 34. Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year-Book. 1881, p. 34.

BENJAMIN GALEN SNOW, Minutes, 1880, p. 36. Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year-Book, 1881, p. 36.

FRANCIS PETER SMITH, Minutes, 1880, p. 88. Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 28.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SMITH. Minutes 1880—p. 87. Minutes of New York Association, 1880, p. 44. Tribute by the Fox River Association, of which he was a member, at their meeting in Lockport, Ill. Apr. 21 1880, in Advance Nov. 25. Before his death, he gave his Library of 400 volumes to the church in Morris Ill., of which he was formerly pastor.

Reminiscences of Father JOTHAM SEWALL, by J. B. S. Ch. 18, 1880.

NOTICES IN EMMON'S WORKS, Vol. I.—Of Rev. Abijah Wines in Bangor Seminary, 1817-'19, and a. p. at Deer Isle, 1819-'31; Rev. Bancroft Fowler, Professor in Bangor Seminary, 1819-'24; of Rev. John Smith D. D. Professor in Bangor Seminary, 1824; of Rev. Kiah Bailey, Pastor First Ch. New Castle, Trustee Bangor Sem'y. 1814-'25, p. 225; of Rev. Jonathan V. Tor at Alna, 1796-1818, p. 249; of Rev. Thomas Williams, Pastor Ch. Brewer, 1813-'22, Foxcroft 1823-'35, p. 259.

NOTICES OF MINISTERS IN MAINE, whose native place was in Hampshire, have been published in the Independent Statesman N. H., commencing Jan. 1, 1881, prepared by Rev. Nathaniel, of Quechee, Vt. (a. p. in North Yarmouth, 1867-'69.) *Hollis, N. H.* Peter Powers, Deer Isle \*1800; Fifield Holt, \*1830; Jacob Hardy, Strong, \*1833; David P. Smith, Newfie Mighill Blood, Bucksport, \*1852; Daniel Kendrick, Edgecomb *New Ipswich, N. H.*, Jesse Appleton, President Bowdoin College *Rindge, N. H.*, Edward Payson, Portland, \*1827; Joseph W. Paris, \*1867; Asa Rand, Gorham, and Ed. Ch. Mir., \*1871; *N. H.*, Moses Dow, York, \*1837; Samuel H. Tolman, Bangor *John M. H. Dow, Mt. Desert* \*1878. *Newport, N. H.*, Car Fryeburg, \*1855. *Boscawen, N. H.*, Noah Emerson, Baldwin *Ebenezer Newhall, Farmington*, \*1878; *Gilsum, N. H.*, Lucan, Belfast \*1872.

Mr. C. notices also ministers now living in Maine, natives

# REPORTS.

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOC.

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### FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

In making out my annual report of the doings of this society, I find myself very much in the condition of the Israelites in Egypt, obliged to make brick without straw. In other words, the whole work of the society has been done through the treasurer, and all that the secretary has been called upon to do, is merely to keep a record of the doings of the Annual Meeting. This your secretary perceives to have been the case for several years before he was chosen secretary. This may be all very well, but it is a violation of the by-laws of the society. Your secretary will endeavor to set this matter right during the coming year. Those who wish to know the particulars of what the society has done during the past year, are respectfully referred to the report of the treasurer. Rev. J. E. Adams, pages, 13, 14.

This important charity was founded by act of Incorporation, approved by the Governor of Maine, Enoch Lincoln, Feb. 25, 1829.

The preliminary meeting to take into consideration the organization of this society, was held in Portland, Oct. 16, 1828, in the vestry of the Second Cong'l church. The first meeting of the society under the act of Incorporation was held at Waldoboro, June 23, 25, 1829. The Constitution and By-laws were then adopted, and the society was fairly started on its mission of love and mercy.

Since that time, it has received and disbursed to the widows and children of deceased ministers within the borders of our State, whatever funds the benevolent have seen fit, or felt it their duty to contribute.

The time was once, when this charity held a prominent place before the churches; a sermon was preached, or several addresses were made by

eloquent ministers and laymen ; and thus the claims of this society were pressed upon the attention of the churches. But for several years past, the meeting of the society has been pressed into a corner, not more than half an hour has been given to it, barely time for the treasurer to read his report, to elect new officers, and to take a contribution.

And this has several times been done amid the confusion and bustle of the assembling congregation.

Why this has been done, your secretary has been at a loss to determine. It may be that a Committee of Arrangements have in part lost sight of this important object, or that other objects are considered of so much greater importance, and the time is so limited, that they conclude, if one must be in a measure overlooked, it must be the one of least importance.

Now, we either owe the indigent widows and children of our deceased ministers, a fair hearing, or we do not. If we owe them nothing, let us drop the whole matter. If we owe them a fair hearing, let us give it them, that the blessing of the God of the widow and the fatherless may rest upon us.

It is earnestly hoped that this important charity will receive more attention in the future than in the past, and that the benevolent will remember it in their gifts.

F. V. NORCROSS, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, June 14, 1881.

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

OF THE

## Maine Branch of the American College and Educational Soc.

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### SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society again appeals to its friends to remember its claim to their interest and benevolence. We demand but little of your time, but we claim that in importance and in its far-reaching results, this society is second to none. It stands at the fountain head. If our educated ministry dies out, our churches die out. As we heard last night, the ministry is the only profession that is not over-crowded, but in this profession there is still a

woeful lack of men. Will you who cannot yourselves fill the constant gaps made by death and infirmity in the ministerial ranks, will you not give your sympathy, your prayers, and your money to this cause which has for its object to keep the ranks of the ministry fresh and full; many of you have perhaps heard the stock objection to this society which is so much harped upon in these days, that to aid young men in seminary and college pecuniarily, tends to pauperize the ministry; that it gives such young men as are helped, a crutch which they do not need, and takes away from them independence and manliness of character.

We do not believe this. If the society furnishes a crutch, it is a crutch which makes all the difference with many young men between reaching the ministry and not reaching it; and a crutch too that is taken away as soon as the young minister is ready for his life work.

There is only one alternative. Either we must help our young men into the ministry or we must pay them more than enough to keep soul and body together after they get into the ministry. If the churches of Maine guarantee all their ministers a good living salary, say \$1,500 a year in the country, then we can dispense with this society, for our young men will then have some prospect of paying in after life, the debts contracted in obtaining an education.

For my part I should prefer this, that our young men should fight their way through to an education and pay for it afterwards, if there was any reasonable certainty that they *could* pay for it afterwards. But if the churches persist in paying their ministers such meager salaries as absolutely forbid such payment, the only thing for them to do is to help the candidate for the ministry at the outset.

So long as the average salary of the Maine Home Missionary, as we heard this morning, is only \$550 per year, let us not begrudge the pittance of \$100 a year to the worthy student who is gaining an education.

This help does not necessarily foster unworthy and inefficient men. It is the duty of our Seminary and College officials to see that it never does. It is not our duty as representatives of the churches to look out for that matter. It is our business to see that the treasury is not empty, so that the worthy may not go unaided.

With this brief appeal, I leave the matter, brethren and pastors, in your generous hands.

F. E. CLARK, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, June 16. 1881.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
TO VISIT THE  
BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1881.

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Of those appointed by the General Conference to visit the Seminary at Bangor, five were present and attended the examinations of the classes and other exercises at the recent anniversary. We attended the reception of the Alumni and their friends at Prof. Sewall's, Monday evening were present at all the examinations, frequently interposing questions; heard the report of the Treasurer and finance committee at the meeting of the Trustees. listened to the Inaugural address by Prof. Stearns, and to the graduating parts of the Senior class; and in these various ways sought to learn the spirit and methods of this school, and to measure the results.

The examinations were thorough and as complete as the time would permit. The class in Hebrew appeared well, and the classes in New Testament Greek indicated very thorough and discriminating teaching on the part of Mr. Denio. The examples of Exegesis given by the same classes, were very satisfactory, especially as exhibiting an intelligent consideration of the particles and idioms of the original Scripture.

The Senior class appeared to have been wisely trained in Homiletics, each member reading a plan of a sermon—and these were generally well constructed. In Church History this class appeared to less advantage, and it was the opinion of some members of the Committee, that better results would have been insured by reading less, but reading more carefully. We are well aware that it is a most difficult thing to take a class in one year through all the branches of the church from the fourth century down. And we would be understood as speaking with the utmost diffidence when we suggest that Prof. Paine's very great enthusiasm in his department, has led him to require of this class more than they were able to do well.

The middle class in the Church History of the times of the apostles and earlier fathers, appeared wholly well. Their comparatively concentrated study showed the best results.

We were very much pleased with the work of the new Professor of Christian Theology, as shown in the examination. His system seemed to be symmetrical, rational and Biblical. The members of the class gave

erally appeared to have clear views of the Christian system of truth, and to be able to give reasons for their faith. But we should have been glad to have found them more ready to defend their views by discriminating references to Scripture. Christian Theology may accept reason as a buttress, but the inspired word can alone be its foundation.

The Alumni dinner is one of the delightful innovations in this venerable school, and we understand it is furnished by the generous liberality of the ladies of Bangor.

From the Report of the Treasurer, it appeared that the expenses of the year past exceeded the income from the permanent funds by nearly two thousand dollars. Manifestly the school is in need of an increase in the endowment. The funds are wisely and safely invested, so that the investments are worth now more than their original cost, and yielded last year, an income of something more than six per cent.

We regretted to learn that Prof. Talcott felt constrained by increasing infirmities, to retire from his professorship, which he has held for more than forty years.

It is with deep regret, that we notice the small number of pupils in this school, and especially that of the twenty-five undergraduates, whose names appear in the last catalogue, only seven were from the State of Maine. Surely from our two hundred and forty-three churches, and with a membership of more than twenty thousand, we ought to furnish more than two or three young men yearly, towards the pastorate of our churches, and towards the home and foreign mission work of the world. The pastors of the State, ought certainly to have a care lest our churches be barren of this highest fruitage of Church life.

Your Committee have become deeply impressed with the devoted Scriptural piety, with which this school is pervaded, with the enthusiastic spirit exhibited by every one of the teachers, and with the painstaking thoroughness with which their work, as a whole, is done. The whole tone of the school implies that its graduates will be godly, Biblical, self-sacrificing ministers of the Gospel.

This school with its hallowed character, we have received from the sacrifice of the fathers. It behooves us to nourish it by our money, to uphold it with our prayers, to commit our young men to its consecrating training, and to take a constant, intelligent, loving interest in it.

For the Committee,

EDWIN A. HARLOW,  
Chairman.

RICHARD WICKETT, WILLIAM F. OBEAR,  
PETER B. THAYER, WELLINGTON R. CROSS.

## TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, <i>President</i> .....	1868
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Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., <i>President</i> .....	1832
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Rev. CHARLES JOSEPH HARDY ROPES, A. M., HAYES Professor of Sacred Literature.....	1881
Rev. FRANCIS BRIGHAM DENIO, A. M., TUTOR of Greek and Hebrew.....	1879
Term commences Sept. 8, 1881,—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of Classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week,	

## THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY.

*May 31.—Tuesday morning,—9 o'clock in the Chapel.*—After devotional exercises, examination of the Junior class in the Old Testament, by Prof. Talcott. 10 A. M., Classes in the New Testament Greek, by Mr. Denio. 11 A. M., Senior class in Homiletics, by Prof. Sewall. At 2 P. M., Prayer by Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cumberland Conference, one of the visiting Committee, followed by examination of the Junior class in New Testament, by Prof. Talcott. 3:15 P. M., Classes in the Epistles, by Mr. Denio. 4 P. M., Senior class in Church History, by Prof. Paine. The Trustees of the Seminary, the Visiting Committee of the General Conference of Maine, and others present, suggested questions as they occurred to them. The singing of a few verses of hymns were introduced between the different divisions of the examinations.



*Tuesday evening.*—The Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society was held in the Hammond Street Church. Mr. A. J. Rackliff, President, in the chair. A brilliant organ voluntary, was rendered by Mrs. F. S. Davenport. The congregation united in singing "O Worship the King, all-glorious above," and Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., of Newark, N. J., led in prayer. At the conclusion of these exercises, Prof. George T. Ladd, of Bowdoin College, proceeded to the delivery of the annual address. The Professor gave an able and scholarly presentation of the conflict of opinion concerning the supernatural; and showing that both the Bible view and that of Nature and science should both be considered, and that each throws light upon the other.

The doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung by the congregation.

The exercises closed with a benediction by Prof. Sewall.

*Jan. 1.—Wednesday, 8 A. M.* ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.—Prof. D. S. Talcott sent to the Trustees his resignation of the Chair of Sacred Literature, which he has so ably filled for the past forty-two years. His resignation was accepted, and the following vote was passed.

"Rev. D. S. Talcott, D. D., in consequence of growing infirmities, having resigned his office as Professor of Sacred Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary, the Board of Trustees hereby express their high appreciation of his thorough and broad scholarship, his christian spirit and life, his eminent services during forty-two years,—their thankfulness to him for his great and good work for the Seminary, and their gratitude to God for continuing his labors for so many years. They would also express their hope and prayer for his continued life and usefulness."

Measures were also taken to secure, as soon as possible, some one to fill the now vacant chair.

The report of the Trustees shows the annual expenses to be about \$15,000, which is somewhat above the annual income, which needs to be increased. Not a dollar of the funds have been lost for the past twenty years; it is all now well invested, and amounts to nearly \$200,000, besides the grounds and buildings.

A prayer meeting of the Alumni and friends, was held in the Chapel at 8 o'clock A. M., led by Rev. William F. Obear, member of the Visiting Committee from Lincoln and Sagadahoc, and Kennebec Conferences.

9 A. M. Examination of the classes continued. United in singing, "All hail the power of Jesus name." Prayer, Rev. I. P. Warren, Editor of Ch. Mir., Portland. Middle class in Theology, by Prof. Stearns. 11:15 A. M., Middle class in History, Prof. Paine.

In all the examinations, questions were freely asked by the Visiting Committee and others.

1 P. M. Alumni dinner at the Chapel. The entertainment was provided by the ladies, and that their efforts were appreciated by the Alumni and their guests, it was practically manifested. It was a most enjoyable occasion wherein the creature comforts so liberally provided served but as a prelude to a rich intellectual feast.

Prof. Geo. T. Ladd, of Bowdoin College, invoked the Divine blessing.

Rev. S. P. Fay, one of the Trustees, presided, and in due time, after an appropriate opening, introduced the speakers. Revs. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Stephen H. Hayes, of Boston, Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., of Newark, N. J., Professor Lewis F. Stearns, of Bangor Sem'y, Cyrus W. Wallace, D. D., of Manchester, N. H., Edwin A. Harlow, of Cumberland Conference, Professor George T. Ladd, of Bowdoin College, Wooster Parker, of Belfast, alumnus of 1832, Frederic A. Thayer, of Westboro, Mass., Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, a Trustee from 1850, and Mr. S. A. Barnaby, in behalf of the Senior class.

Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, Secretary and Necrologist, reported seven deaths. Henry Richardson, class 1830, at Gilead, March 23, 1881, æt. 81; Charles Packard, (1845.) at Windham, N. H., Feb. 19, 1881, æt. 62; Albert Cole, (1846.) in Cornish, Jan. 29, 1881, æt. 63; John P. Skeele, (1850.) in East Bloomfield, N. Y., April 28, 1881, æt. 59; David T. Packard, (1854.) in Stockton, California, Nov. 28, 1880, æt. 50; Silas Ketchum, (1863.) in Boston, April 24, 1880, æt. 44; John C. Edgar, (1875.) in Hubbardton, Vt., April 29, 1881, æt. 43.

*Officers Elected.*—James H. Crosby, (1865.) of Bangor, *President*; Woodbury S. Kimball, (1867.) of Presque Isle, *Vice-President*; C. A. Beckwith, (1877.) of Brewer, *Secretary and Necrologist*; Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., (1858.) of Bangor, Wellington R. Cross, (1865.) of Camden, with the President, *Vice-President*, and the Secretary, *Executive Committee*.

#### INAUGURATION OF PROFESSOR LEWIS F. STEARNS.

4 P. M. The exercises attending the inauguration of Rev. LEWIS FRENCH STEARNS, as Professor of Christian Theology, in the Seminary, were held in the Hammond Street Church.

The President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, introduced the services.

The Hymn, "How honored is the sacred place, where we adoring stand,"—was sung by the congregation.

Mr. Stearns, in accordance with the conditions imposed upon all the Professors, appended his signature to the articles of faith upon which the Seminary is founded.

The prayer of Inauguration and Consecration was offered by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

Rev. S. H. Hayes, of Boston, in behalf of the Trustees, referred to the manner in which they sought one to fill the chair of Theology, making the inquiry in different directions as to who there was who would have the following qualifications: 1. Eminent in scholarship; 2. Common sense; 3. A sound Theologian; 4. A good and enthusiastic teacher; 5. Eminent piety. These qualities they judged were found in him who had been selected, and he was charged to be faithful to his trust, and commended to the sympathy and prayers of the friends of the Seminary and of the churches.

Professor Stearns responded in modest and fitting terms, and trusted he should not disappoint the expectations of the Trustees, the Alumni, the students, and churches, in the important work committed to him.

He then proceeded to deliver his Inaugural address, in which he referred to the foundation and meaning of Theology, as expressing the beliefs of the age, and to the changes of forms of belief, which would lead to a change in the unfolding and expression of Theology, and to the tendencies and changes which seem to indicate that a new era was coming; to recover and uncover a new Theology,—not new truths, but a new and clearer expression of them,—among these were the tendency of the great problems of natural theology; the change in the apologetic basis of theology; a broader view of the nature and office of the Scriptures; receiving those truths that are clearly revealed, and being willing to admit that some things cannot be fully understood, and tolerance in things not essential. Prof. Stearns in closing, referred to the responsibility which rested upon him in his new position; that no task was greater, higher and more far-reaching, but he felt that God had directed his steps thus far, and that He would guide and help him in the future.

(The address was published in Ch. Mir., June 11.)

The interesting services were closed with singing,—

“All hail the power of Jesus name,”

and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Tappan.

Around the pulpit and the platform were arranged in profusion and in good taste, a fine display of flowers, under the superintendence of Misses Pickering and Thurston.

The city and the State—the community and the churches, as well as the Seminary, have occasion to rejoice that such an acquisition has been made as Prof. Stearns,—one so scholarly, efficient, so truly liberal, pure and amiable.

#### EXERCISES OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

*Evening, 7:30.*—The graduating exercises of the Senior class were held at the Hammond St. Church, as follows:

Organ voluntary, by Mrs. Jewell. Prayer, by Prof. D. S. Talcott, D. D. Duett, for soprano and tenor. “The Lord my pasture shall prepare,” sung with sweetly blending voices, finely expressing the sentiment of the words, by Miss Cook and Mr. Haynes.

Addresses, by Charles Everett Andrews, of Warren.—The prospects of the Papacy in the United States. Edward Chalmers Haynes, of Leominster, Mass.. The work of the preachers. George William Fred Hill, of Parker Head.—The beneficial effects of the crusades on modern society.

Song, “Ave Maria,” *Cherubini*, by Miss Cook.

Addresses, by Robert Watt Jamison, of Ottawa, Ont.—The price of civil and religious liberty. Frederic T. McLeod, of Liverpool, N. S.—The sceptical spirit of the age. Almon J. Rackliff of Searsport.—The reign of law. Everett L. Wallbridge, of Bangor,—Our Nation's life.

The choir of the Central Church, Miss Cook, Mrs. Gardner, Messrs. Haynes and Farrington, sung the quartette, “The Alpine Echo,” by Emerson.

Prof. Sewall, in fitting words, gave the farewell to the members of the class, in connection with the presentation of their Diplomas—certifying to their having completed satisfactorily their studies. He counseled them to courage and hope, and cheerful anticipations, alluding to the beautiful white cross, by their side, as a symbol of their mission, and to another cross in a recess, with beautiful color and shade, made up of the lilacs, the most common flower, an emblem of the beauty and glory into which the humblest and meanest could be transformed by the power of the Gospel.

The Diplomas were passed from Prof. Sewall, by Mr. Denio, Instructor in the Seminary, to the several members of the class.

Rev. Dr. Tappan led in a fervent prayer; the congregation joined with the choir in singing the hymn.

“Ye Christian heralds! go proclaim,”

and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Tappan.

Report of Anniversary in Bangor Whig and Courier, June 1, 2, 3.; Mirror, June 4, 11; Cong’l’t, June 8; Advance, June 16.

REV. LEWIS FRENCH STEARNS, is a son of Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, of Newark, N. J., a graduate of the College of New Jersey, 1867, and of Princeton and Union Theo. Sem’y 1872; spending some time in Germany under Dr. Dörner, at Berlin, and other professors at Leipzig. Ordained Pastor at Norwood, N. J., Oct. 14, 1873, remaining to 1876. Professor of History and Belles Letters in Albion College, Michigan, February, 1876, to June, 1879.

REV. CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., LL. D., having been called in August, 1880, to the Presidency of Middlebury College, Vt., resigned the chair of Professor of Christian Theology and Pastoral Duties, which he had held since 1877. Dr. H. delivered his Inaugural address July 6, 1881, and the Baccalaureate on the Sabbath previous.

REV. JOHN R. HERRICK, D. D., Professor of Theology 1867—1873, elected, 1880, President of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon.

The Trustees and Faculty of the Seminary have published a pamphlet of twelve pages, containing a statement of the present condition and work of the institution, and its claims upon the christian public. A map accompanies it, showing how central is the location in relation not only to the State, but also to the great regions beyond. Bangor is 225 miles from Andover. Taking Bangor as a center, it will be found to be midway between the extreme northeastern and southwestern points of the State, and more than 150 miles on an air-line from either; nearly midway between the western boundary, and the farthest eastern point, about a hundred miles; while to the northern-most point, the distance is nearly 200 miles.

These dimensions reach only the boundaries of the great expanse beyond. A line drawn from Bangor to the eastern point of Nova Scotia, would measure 400 miles; to the northeastern coast of New Brunswick, nearly 300 miles; and to Montreal on the northwest, 250 miles. Within the immense territory indicated by these figures, there is no other Congregational institution of this class.

—Maine has none. Nova Scotia has none. The only one for the Pro

inces is at Montreal, where the College of British North America educates a few young men for the ministry. That is the only Congregational training-school in the entire Dominion, and that is 300 miles in a straight line, from the capitol of New Brunswick, and more than 400 miles from the capitol of Nova Scotia. An appeal is made for funds to complete the endowment of the Professorships; to meet the current expenses; and the endowment of a permanent chair for instruction in the New Testament Greek.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
TO VISIT  
BOWDOIN COLLEGE, 1880.

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The Committee of the Conference appointed to visit Bowdoin College beg leave to report that the favorable impressions heretofore received of the present condition of this important institution have been continued, and even enhanced during the year. Our recent visit to the college was a very gratifying one. The President and Professors testify with emphasis, to the good order which has prevailed among the students, and the high tone of morality and honor which seems to pervade the classes. There has been a good degree of seriousness in connection with the studies on moral and ethical truths, in a few instances leading, it is hoped, to personal consecration to Christ. It was stated that the Faculty maintain a regular weekly prayer-meeting among themselves which is fully attended and sustained with much interest. Their example cannot fail to have a happy influence upon the pupils. The regular weekly prayer-meetings of the students have been maintained as usual. In external prosperity, the college is more than ordinarily favored. It is now completing the Memorial Hall, through the aid of the munificence of Mrs. Stone, and will soon have a noble building to attest not only her generosity, and the self-sacrificing patriotism of those who gave their lives for their country, but to serve the uses of the college in many important ways.

The Committee add that they were received most cordially by the President and Professors, and rendered every assistance to accomplish the purposes of their appointment. They are glad to believe that the College is increasingly worthy of the confidence of the Congregational Churches of Maine, and of the patronage of all who would educate their sons for the best success and usefulness in the world.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. P. WARREN.

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

*Incorporated June 24, 1794.*

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Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 22, 1881. Commencement Da  
Thursday, July 13, 1882.

The Reading-room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and is now a first-class Reading-room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer-meeting is held under direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle.

**BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE**, July 10, 1881, by Rev. Prof. George Trumbull Ladd, of the College. Sabbath P. M.—Acts 11: 22. "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you." The reality and sufficiency; the breadth, symmetry and elevation of the manhood of Jesus.

In the morning, a sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., LL. D. of Yale College, before the Bowdoin Praying Circle. Isa. 40: 26, "He calleth them all by name." God's particularizing in his care of individuals. The foundation, the ground work of christian life and work;—giving energy, force and life to christian effort.

*Monday, July 11.—Evening.*—Junior prize exhibition.

*Tuesday, July 12.—Class Day.* 10: 30 A. M., in the church. Oration, John W. Manson, of Pittsfield. Poem, by Fred L. Johnson, of Pittsfield.—with other exercises. 3 P. M., Exercises around the Oak. *Evening.*—Illuminations.

*Wednesday, July 13—9 A. M.* Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Keppa.—10: 30. Annual meeting of the Alumni. 3 P. M., Address before the Alumni, by Rev. Cyrus A. Bartol, D. D., (Alumnus 1832.) of Boston. Theme.—The infinite in man. *Evening.*—The Band Concert.

*Thursday, July 14.—9 A. M.* Prayer-meeting of the Alumni and friends. 10: 30 A. M., Graduating exercises of the Senior class. Forty-six members. Ten addresses for the degree of B. A., and S. Two addresses for the degree of M. A., and S.

Commencement dinner was served in a large tent. At its conclusion, President Chamberlain happily introduced the intellectual part of the feast,—and the speakers who were to follow:—Governor Plaisted, Ex-President Harris, Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., just returned from China, where he has been a missionary twenty-seven years; E. H. Thomas, of the class of 1831, who was deaf and blind; Ex-State Attorney General, Emery; Prof. George T. Ladd, Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover; and Revs. R. B. Howard, E. B. Palmer, of the class of 1856; Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, and others.

In the evening, the President gave a reception to the Alumni and friends of the College.

*Friday July 15,—Examination for admission to College*—Forty-one applicants. —Others will apply in September.

At the meeting of the Trustees, and Overseers, thanks were extended to Mrs. Valeria Stone for her gifts to the College; and to Wm. Northend, and J. C. Dodge, for the portrait of Longfellow.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon Merritt C. Fernald, President of the State College, and Ambrose P. Kelsey, of Hamilton College.

Thanks were given at the autumnal meeting, to Henry Winkley, for his liberal donation to the College, and to Admiral H. K. Thatcher for a portrait of Gen. Henry Knox.—Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, of Portland, has presented the College with two pieces of statuary;—and Dexter A. Hawkins, of N. Y., a picture of Northern Norway, by a German artist.—The value of the collection of drawings by the old masters, presented by Gov. Bowdoin, is estimated at \$8000. Many valuable works of art have been presented since.

The upper part of Memorial Hall is to be prepared for a picture gallery.

The classes of 1844 and 1866, held re-unions; the class of 1878 its triennial reunion, and the class of 1856, its Quarter-Centennial.

The Alumni of Portland and vicinity, met at Portland in Jan'y. 1881, and the Alumni of Bangor and vicinity, in February (18th.)

Professor A. S. Packard, gave to the Students during the winter, a Lecture,—giving Reminiscences of Bowdoin. He was present at the first commencement, (1806) held in an unfinished church edifice, on a rainy day—all being exposed to the rain—the President held an umbrella over his head during the exercises. From 1812, Prof. P. has been connected with the College as an instructor.

On the day of Prayer for Colleges, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland preached a discourse, from John 2: 14, "I write unto you young men, because ye are strong." Prayer-meetings were held morning and evening.—Prof. Packard preached a discourse on Wednesday evening previous.

The Moral and religious condition of the College, referred to in Ch. Mir. Feb. 5, and 12, '81.

Prof. George T. Ladd is one of the Committee of twenty-five, provided for by the National Council, at St. Louis, last November, to prepare a creed and catechism.

## HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

*Incorporated February 8, 1872.*

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The Anniversary exercises were held June 26, 27, 28, 1881.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sabbath morning, June 26, 1881, by Rev. A. W. Burr, A. M., *Principal*. *Text*, Luke, II: 51, "and he went down with them and



came to Nazareth and was subject unto them." Theme—the office of Patience and Obscurity in the formation of character as shown by Christ's life in Nazareth—"Christ's boyhood", an extract in Ch. Mir. July 23.

*Monday June 27.*—The examinations of the several classes.

*Tuesday June 28.*—Anniversary exercises.—Five orations by the Classical department; one oration and one essay, by the Scientific department. and five essays by the Seminary department.

1. The courses of study are the CLASSICAL, preparing for the best Colleges.
2. The SEMINARY, for the advanced training and culture of young ladies.
3. The ENGLISH, preparing for business.

The ladies' Hall looks out upon the Kennebec river, is heated by steam, and furnished with bathing rooms and a abundance of pure spring water.

Young men room in private families, and board at the ladies Hall; or find a home in private families.

The School Year consists of three terms; the Fall twelve weeks, commencing Aug. 30, 1881; the Winter, fourteen; and the Spring, thirteen weeks.

The living expenses of the students have been lessened.

For Catalogue, or information, address the principal, or Rev. H. F. Harding, Secretary, Hallowell, Maine.

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ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 12, 1873.

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*Meeting of the State Branch in Portland, June 13, 1881.* (See page 30.)

There are now connected with the Maine Branch, eighty-one auxiliaries, and

fifty-four mission-circles. The receipts for the year, were \$3450.23. The interest in the foreign work has been rather increased than hindered by the formation of Societies of women for home work. Several new auxiliaries in mission-circles have been formed, and the receipts have exceeded those of a previous year. The funds have been appropriated as follows: Schools at Medford and Bardsday, Turkey; and Umzumbi, Africa. \$2102.37. Enlargement Constantinople Home, \$850; Marsovan pupils \$61; Miss Clara Hamlin's salary \$411.86; Dakotah Mission \$25. Eighth annual report is published, 12mo 32 pp.

#### WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The first annual meeting was held in Portland, June 18, 1881. A report of it may be found on p. 30.

The work of the Society, List of officers, etc., may be found with the Report of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

#### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,—WOMAN'S AID.

ORGANIZED AT FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The report of the annual meeting of this Auxiliary, may be found on p. 31.

Miss Anna E. Farrington, at Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Mary K. Lunt, of New Gloucester, at Selma Ala., are sustained as teachers and missionaries among the Freedmen.

A letter from Miss F., (P. O. Box 207, Wilmington, N. C.) was published in the Mirror, March 26, 1881.

Letter from Miss K. (P. O. Box 189, Selma, Ala.) in Ch. Mir. Feb. 5. Mch. 1 1881. In March she read a paper on the "True success of missionary work" at the Woman's Missionary meeting in Mobile, Ala.

THE COMMITTEE this year,—Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham, (to whom all remittances should be made.) Miss Lizzie Merrill Brownville; Mrs. C. F. Stone Machias.

*Co-operating Committee in local Conferences.*—Cumberland, Mary E. Smith Gorham; Franklin, Mrs. F. V. Stewart, Farmington Falls; Hancock, Miss Luc Phelps, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Edward Nason, Augusta; Lincoln at Sagadahoc, Mrs. John O. Fiske, Bath; Penobscot, Mrs. Henry S. Brown, Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Lizzie Merrill, Brownville; Union, Mrs. J. O. Hubbard Hiram; Washington, Mrs. C. F. Stone, Machias.

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Any information in regard to their object, organization, work, etc., furnish free on application, to W. H. Hobbs, Corresponding Secretary, Portland.

## CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

*The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*—Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, Cong'l House, Boston. *Missionary Herald*, \$1.10 a year.

*Secretaries of the American Board.*—Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., and Rev. J. O. Means, D. D., of Boston; *District Secretary* at New York City, Rev. H. C. Haydn, D. D., Bible House, Astor Place.

Receipts from Maine, 1879-'80,—\$6344.13; Legacies, \$370; Mission Schools, \$487.44.—Total, 7,201.57.

Annual meeting of the Board in St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 18, 1881. 3 P. M.

*Woman's Board of Missions.*—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President*; Mrs. A. B. Child, *Home Secretary*; Mrs. B. E. Bates, *Treasurer*. "Life and Light for Woman," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms, 1. 2. Congregational House, Boston.—Receipts from Maine, \$3,373.35.

*The American Missionary Association.*—Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21 Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Treasurer*, 56 Reade street, N. Y., pays for the *American Missionary Magazine*;—published Monthly. Funds for the Association may also be sent to Mr. Hubbard.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 56 Reade street, New York, *Secretary*; Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.—Receipts from Maine, \$3530.90, including Legacies. The Ladies of Maine have in addition, collected \$672. for the Association.

Annual meeting in Worcester, Mass. Nov. 1, 1881.

*American Congregational Association*, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

For information; or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., *Cor. Sec.*, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer, Boston, Mass.

*Vice-Presidents* for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., Lewiston.

The twenty-eighth Annual Report is published, 12 pp., 8vo.; books and pamphlets are acknowledged as received during the year from Maine, for the Library.

*The Congregational Publishing Society.* Aids Sabbath-Schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., *Sec'y*. Rev. Albert E. Dunning, *Sunday School Sec'y*. George P. Smith, Agent. Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Well Spring and Missionary Echoes, published weekly, 65 cents per year; Pilgrim Quarterly, 20 cents per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper, monthly, 7½ cents; Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper, weekly, 25 cents per year. Donated to Maine, \$27.58. Receipts, \$53.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Vice-President* from Maine.

*The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education* and the *American Education Society* are now united under the name of the *American College and Education Society*. Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States; and also aids students to the Christian Ministry, Rev. I. N. Tarbox, *Cor. Secretary*, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston.

Receipts of Maine Auxiliary, \$953.42. The seventh annual report is published.

*The American Congregational Union*.—Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., Cor. Sect'y; Prof. N. A. Calkins, Treasurer, No. 59, Bible House, New York City. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Vice-President from Maine.

Receipts from Maine, \$412.62. Appropriated to the church in Marshfield, \$300, to be paid in 1881.

*The American Home Missionary Society* Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Revs. D. B. Coe, D. D., and H. M. Storrs, D. D., *Secretaries*; Rev. Walter M. Barrows, *Assist. Sec.*; Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D. *Treasurer*. The Home Missionary, published monthly, at sixty cents per year. Receipts from Maine, \$298.36.

### CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets Triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871.—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874; Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877; St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, 1880.

Alabama, Gen. Conf'e of Cong'l Churches...	Montgomery.....	1882, Nov.
Arizona, with California.....	Los Angeles Cal.....	1881, Oct. 6
California, General Association.....	Los Angeles Cal.....	1881, Oct. 6
Colorado, Association of Cong'l Churches...	Greeley.....	1881, Nov. 3
Connecticut, General Association.....	Middleton, South Ch..	1882, June 20
Connecticut General Conference.....	West Winsted.....	1881, Oct. 18
Dakota, Congregational Association.....	Vermillion.....	1881, Oct. 20
District of Columbia, in New Jersey Asso..	Washington D. C....	1882, Apr. 18
Georgia, General Conference.....	Macon .....	1881, Nov. 10
Illinois, General Association.. ..	Geneseo.....	1882, May 22
Indian Territory, in Red River Association.....		
Indiana, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers	Michigan City.....	1882, May 10
Iowa, General Association.....		1882, June
Kansas, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers.....		
Kentucky, State Asso. of Christian Chs. & M'rs.	Berea.....	1881, Oct. 1
Louisiana, South-western Conference.....		
Maryland, in New Jersey, Gen. Association.	Washington, D. C....	1882, Apr. 18
Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.....		
Michigan, General Association.....	Greenville .....	1882, May 17
Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Conference.....	Rochester. ....	1881, Oct. 12
Mississippi, with Tennessee.....	Nashville. Tenn.....	1881, Nov. 3
Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs....	Springfield.....	1881, Oct. 21
Nebraska, Congregational Association.....	Blair.....	1881, Oct. 26
Nevada, in Gen. Association of California...	Los. Angeles. Cal....	1881, Oct. 6
New Hampshire General Association.....	Manchester.....	1881, Sept. 13
New Jersey, General Association.....	Washington. D. C....	1882, Apr. 18
New Mexico, with Colorado.....	Greeley. ....	1881, Nov. 3
New York, General Association.....	Warsaw.....	1881, Oct. 18

North Carolina.....	
Ohio, Congregational Association.....	Toledo.....1882, May 9
Oregon, Congregational Association.....	
Pennsylvania, Welsh Cong'l Asso. of E. Penn. Blossburg.....	1881, Sept.
Pennsylvania, Welsh Cong'l Asso. of W. Penn.....	1881, Sept.
Rhode Island, Congregational Conference.....	1882, June 13
South Carolina, in Georgia Conference.....	Macon, Ga.....1881, Nov. 10
Tennessee, and Central Alabama—Central South.....	
Conference.....	Nashville.....1884, Nov. 3
Texas, S. W. Congregational Association.....	
Utah.....	
Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs & Chs. Manchester.....	1882, June 18
Virginia in Cong'l Association New Jersey..	Washington D. C.....1882, Apr. 18
Virginia West, in Ohio Cong'l Association..	Toledo, Ohio.....1882, May 9
Washington Territory, in Oregon Asso.....	
Wisconsin, Cong'l and Pres. Convention....	Appleton.....1881, Sep. 29
Wyoming with Colorado Association.....	Greeley.....1881, Nov. 3

Congregational Union of England and Wales, Manchester, Eng.....1881, Oct. 1

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Sheffield N. B.  
July 9, 1882.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at Brantford, Ontario June 7, 1882.

See Note p. 23.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The churches in Maine were represented in the National Council at St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11,-15, 1880, by eight Ministers, and five Laymen. Of the delegates from General Conference, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, was appointed on the Committee on the Report of the Parish System, and Delegates to Corresponding Bodies; Dea. William E. Gould, of Portland, on Report of the Secretary; George B. Barrows, Esq., of Fryeburg, on Nominating Committee; Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Penobscot Conference, on Credentials; Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Cumberland Conference, on the French Deputation. Other Delegates present and taking part in the proceedings, were, Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland, Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, Lewiston, from the General Conference; Dea. J. Forrest Jeffers, of Cumberland Conference; Rev. Frederic E. Emrich and Dea. Jonathan L. H. Cobb, of North Cumberland; Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc; Rev. Edward Chase and Dea. Samuel L. Boynton, York; Geo. B. Barrows, also represented Union Conference.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, was appointed a Delegate to the General Conference of the Free Baptist Churches.

Rev. J. O. Fiske and William E. Gould, Delegates to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

Rev. E. Y. Hincks preached in the third Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, on the Sabbath.

The proceedings of the Council are published in an Octavo volume, 215 pps.

## AVERAGE MINISTERIAL AGE.

The average ministerial age of the 196 ordained ministers now in the ministry is 17 years; of 51 who have no pastoral charge, 32 years; of the others 13 years.

Of the 196, Enoch Pond, D. D., of Bangor, has been in the ministry, 66 years; John J. Carruthers, D. D., of Portland, 62 years; L. Ives Hoar, 58 years; Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, and Daniel D. T. of Weld, each, 55 years; Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, 53 years; still in active service; sixteen, from 42 to 50 years,—average 45 years; three from 31 to 39 years,—average 35 years; thirty-three from 21 to 30 years,—average 25 years; thirty-four, from 11 to 20 years,—average 15 years; seven, from 1 to 10 years,—average 5 years; seven, less than one year—196.

Average time of settlement of sixty-three over the churches of which are now pastors,—8 years; these have been in the ministry, average 1 each.

Average time of settlement of eighty-two acting-pastors all of whom have been in the ministry, average 1 each.

## IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

The first and second column of figures in the table below, gives the number of ministers in each Conference, and the average years of their ordination; the third, fourth and fifth columns, the number of pastors, average number in the present pastorate, and the average number of years in the ministry; the sixth, seventh and eighth columns, the number of acting-pastors, the average number of years as such in the churches with which they are now connected, and the average number of years in the ministry. The ninth and tenth columns, the number without charge, and the average number of years in the ministry. Fractions of years are omitted.

Since the table was completed for the year ending May 1, 1881, some have been omitted who have supplied a portion of the year, and others added who supplied after May 1. Thus giving the latest supply, not change the number of ministers in the State, or the average age.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Conferences.	No. of Ministers.	Average Ministerial Age.	Pastors,	Average No. of Years.	Average Ministerial Age.	Acting Pastors.	Average No. of Years.	Average Ministerial Age.	Without Charge.
Aroostook....	7	20	2	3	3	3	2	22	3
Cumberland..	27	23	15	8	15	4	5	18	8
Cumberland N.	26	12	8	4	8	12	4	9	0
Franklin.....	10	16	2	2	5	4	2	10	4
Hancock.....	12	17	3	6	6	5	4	10	4
Kennebec.....	14	22	3	7	8	6	10	17	3
Lincoln & Sag.	17	12	6	11	18	8	4	11	3
Oxford.....	8	10	3	12	21	4	2	3	1
Penobscot....	17	7	6	9	8	2	1	4	0
Piscataquis...	5	20	2	24	29	3	4	13	0
Somerset.....	5	24	1	23	23	4	17	20	0
Union.....	9	17	2	5	10	6	3	15	1
Waldo.....	8	21	3	10	16	2	1	1	3
Washington..	8	8	2	11	11	6	3	7	0
York.....	23	23	5	3	12	13	2	22	3
<b>Fifteen.</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>51</b>

## RECEIVERS AND REPORTERS.

*Aroostook Conference*—Rev. Richard S. Whidden, Caribou. *Cumberland*—Rev. H. S. Huntington, Gorham. *Cumberland North*,—Rev. T. S. Perry, Cumberland. *Franklin*—Dea. E. P. Packard, Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, Castine. *Kennebec*—Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. J. E. Pond, Warren. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, Bethel. *Penobscot*—Rev. C. S. Sargent, Brewer Village. *Piscataquis*—Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson. *Somerset*—A. R. Bixby, Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. Lewis Goodrich, Lovell. *Waldo*—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. *Washington*—Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, East Machias. *York*—Rev. Wm. S. Thompson, Acton.

Thanksgiving Day. State and National. November. 26, 1880.

State Fast, April. 21, 1881.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

Additional from page 96.

NAME	RESIDENCE	ORDAINED
Joseph Bartlett.....	Gorham.....	1847, October 7
Elbridge Knight.....	Fort Fairfield.....	1843, Sept. 13
John K. Lincoln.....	Bangor.....	1862, Sept. 20
William Pierce.....	Hollis..	1836, August 1
Daniel F. Potter.....	Brunswick.....	1852, October 25
James B. Thornton.....	Scarboro.....	1851, June 4

## LICENTIATES.

Isaac C. Bumpus.....Sherman.  
 Prof. Henry L. Chapman.....Brunswick.  
 James H. Crosby.....Bangor  
 Prof. Thomas H. Rich.....Lewiston.  
 Jotham Sewall.....York  
 Prof. Richard C. Stanley.....Lewiston

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.  
REVISED JUNE 24, 1879.

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**ARTICLE 1.** This Conference shall be called the **GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.**

**ART. 2.** The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers, and committees, for the time for which they were chosen; the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

**ART. 3.** Both ministers and others present, may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations of this body, though only members shall have the right to vote.

**ART. 4.** The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

**ART. 5.** There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

**ART. 6.** A Recording Secretary, shall have charge of the Records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

**ART. 7.** The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

**ART. 8.** The Several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

**ART. 9.** The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

**ART. 10.** The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

**ART. 11.** At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

**ART. 12.** This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

**ART. 13.** Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

**ART. 14.** The funds of the Conference to be raised by contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

**ART. 15.** The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as the Conference may appoint.

**ART. 16.** The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

**ART. 17.** The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two-thirds of the members present.



SEVENTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

Annual Meeting at Portland,

JUNE 15, 1881.

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BANGOR:  
JOHN H. BACON, PRINTER.  
1881.

# Maine Missionary Society.

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled as follows:*

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steele, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a Society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved Jan. 27, 1871.]

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## CONSTITUTION

As Revised and Adopted June 23, 1872.

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ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society, and the payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, including the President and Vice-President, who shall be chosen by ballot, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The officers shall all continue in office until others are chosen.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, and shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting, they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 4th Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The Constitution may be altered or amended, by a two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annual and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Society for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to cooperate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary with the Treasurer shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed when advised by the Trustees.

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## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AID.

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*Congregations asking aid from the Maine Missionary Society are requested in every case, to embody in their application, the following particulars, viz:*

1. The town valuation of church members, and of the church society.
2. The name of the minister for whom a commission is desired
3. Whether his services are sought for the whole, or a part of the year.
4. The amount of salary proposed.
5. The proportion of salary pledged by the people.
6. Whether aid is expected from any other source.
7. The least amount that will suffice from this society.
8. Certificate of the minister that previous pledges by the people for his support have been redeemed.

N. B. It is expected of churches, that they will pay for the aid of preaching at least one per cent. on their taxable property, being aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

The churches will take particular notice of the following rules by the Trustees, to wit:

"That each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society be required to make, while this assistance is continued, an annual contribution to

# Form of Quarterly Report for Pastors of Aided Churches.

DEAR BROTHER :

It is desired that those who are commissioned to perform ministerial service for the churches aided by the Maine Missionary Society, present to the Secretary of the Society reports for the quarters ending September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30, and that the reports be sent in promptly at these dates.

And in order that the Trustees and the Secretary may be furnished with such information as they need for the proper discharge of their duties, it is requested that these reports be made by filling the following form :

*To the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society :*

Please receive herewith my report of labor at

for the quarter ending 188 , and send au  
order to the Treasurer for so much as is due me from the Society at this  
date.

(Signed)

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## QUESTIONS.

1. How many weeks of missionary labor are embraced in this report?....
2. How many pastoral visits have been made?.....
3. Has a weekly prayer meeting been maintained?.....
4. What has been the average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting?...
5. In how many neighborhoods have religious meetings been held?.....
6. For what charitable objects have offerings been made ; and how much  
has been given for each?

NOTE.—Attention is called to the following rule, adopted by the Trustees at their annual meeting, 1867 : Each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society will be required to make, while this assistance is continued, an annual contribution to its funds. Also notice this standing rule.

The Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Society quarterly, shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those who report semi-annually, shall be entitled to semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of June, shall be considered as having forfeited their claim to their last quarterly payment, unless a sufficient excuse be rendered.

7. Has a monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world been observed?.....
8. How many have attended the Sabbath school?.....
9. What else has occurred, worthy of notice, relating to such matters as—the attendance at meetings,—the religious visitation of families,—the distribution of religious reading,—temperance,—cases of religious interest,—conversions,—additions by profession,—discipline,—efforts to benefit those who do not attend public worship,—obstacles,—encouragements?

#### FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

1. Names of churches and stations where you have preached during the past year, and the amount of time in each.
2. Average congregation in good weather.
3. Number of hopeful conversions.
4. Number added to the church by profession—by letter.
5. Total number of church members.
6. Number in the weekly prayer-meetings.
7. Number in the Sabbath-schools—officers and pupils.
8. Amount contributed to the Maine Missionary Society.
9. Amount contributed to other objects.
10. What else worthy of note has occurred?

#### NOTICES.

Any correspondence relating to the general interest of the Society may be directed to Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, Bangor, Me.

Remittances of money and communications relating to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to John L. Crosby, Esq., Treasurer, P. O. Box, 1528, Bangor, Me.

Aid Societies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, should forward their collections to Mrs. J. L. Crosby, Treasurer, Bangor, Me.

Application for aid should be made by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. It is very desirable that the ministerial year should correspond with the year of the Missionary Society, which is July 1st, so that all applications for renewal of aid may be ready for the action of the Trustees at their annual meeting, held on the third Wednesday of June, each year.

Committees of churches are requested to report every particular mentioned in the form of application, as failure to answer any one of

particulars may cause inconvenience, expense and delay. Do not put against any number.—“Nothing different from past year,” etc. State present facts positively.

The Trustees will not be expected to continue aid where pecuniary liabilities to the pastor are not promptly discharged. It is suggested that weekly or monthly collections at a regular Sabbath service, of the previously pledged subscriptions for the support of preaching, will insure the best results for all concerned.

No church should fail of a generous contribution to the Maine Missionary Society in any year.

Let Annual Reports be not mere statistics, but a concise review of the year, embracing all important facts.

Form of a Bequest to the Maine Missionary Society,—

I give to the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Some legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name, or by neglect of making a formal bequest.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the Williston Church, Portland, at 9 o'clock A. M. June 15, 1881. The President, Rev. John O. Fiske D. D., was in the chair, and conducted the devotional services. The President, and Rev. A. P. Tinker referred to the providential failure of the usual sermon. The report of the Treasurer was read by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, and on motion of Rev. W. Woodbury, seconded by Dea. Wheelwright, a vote of thanks was extended to J. Maxwell Esq., for his valuable and gratuitous services for a succession of years.

The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary. Prof. J. S. Sewall and Prof. L. F. Stearns, of Bangor Theo. Seminary, spoke words of cheer for the Society in moving to accept and print the report.

Brisk congratulatory addresses then followed from Rev. G. S. Dickerman of Lewiston, Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Manchester N. H., Rev. A. Blanchard, of St. John, N. B., Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, of Fort Fairfield, and Rev. W. S. Kimball, of Presque Isle.

Judge Woodbury, J. L. Crosby, and Prof. Sewall were appointed committee on place and preacher for next year.

A Committee was chosen to report amendments to the constitution the next meeting, consisting of Rev. Mr. Dickerman of Lewiston, M. Wheelwright of Bangor, and Rev. Dr. Tappan of Norridgewock.

It was also voted that the same committee take into consideration the doing away with the custom of having a sermon preached at the annual meetings of the society.

Rev. F. E. Clark offered the following resolution, which was passed unanimously :

The Maine Missionary Society assembled in Portland at its 74th annual meeting recall with affectionate remembrance the untiring efforts of its former friend and secretary, Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., and regrets exceedingly that he is not able to participate in this meeting. The brethren assembled desire to record the appreciation of his faithful and efficient labors in the past, to express their sympathy with him while laid upon a bed of weakness, and to assure him of their prayer that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon him both in this life and in the which is to come.

A fervent prayer, remembering Dr. Thurston, was offered by Rev. I. B. Howard, of Rockport, Mass.

The annual collection was taken, which amounted to \$108.76.



The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year :

PRESIDENT :

REV. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.

VICE-PRESIDENT :

JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, Esq.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY :

REV. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.

TREASURER :

JOHN L. CROSBY, Esq.

TRUSTEES :

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.,

J. S. WHEELWRIGHT, Esq.,

Rev. H. F. HARDING,

Rev. P. B. THAYER.

Rev. L. L. PAINE, D. D.,

Rev. WM. H. FENN,

JOSEPH TITCOMB, Esq.,

BARNABAS FREEMAN, Esq.,

Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL.

Rev. JONA. E. ADAMS,

WM. E. GOULD, Esq.,

Rev. GEO. S. DICKERMAN,

Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,

E. R. BURPEE, Esq.,

Rev. F. E. CLARK.

AUDITORS :

Dea. W. S. DENNETT,

B. B. THATCHER, Esq.

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The next annual meeting is to be held with the Central Church, Bangor, on the third Wednesday of June, 1882.

First preacher, Rev. Chas. G. McCully, Calais ; alternate, Rev. C. J. H. Ropes, Ellsworth.

Adjourned.

Attest :

J. E. ADAMS, *Recording Secretary.*

# WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized at Foxcroft, June 17, 1880.

## OFFICERS :

### PRESIDENT :

Mrs. W. E. GOULD, Portland.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS,

Aroostook,	Mrs. R. S. Whidden,	Caribou.
Cumberland,	Mrs. Wm. M. Marks,	Portland.
Cumberland North,	Miss Lizzie Garcelon,	Lewiston.
Franklin,	Mrs. M. T. Wade,	Farmington
Hancock,	Mrs. G. G. Powers,	Orland.
Kennebec,	Mrs. E. N. Smith,	Waterville
Lincoln and Sagadahoc,	Mrs. C. H. Pope,	Thomaston
Oxford,	Mrs. J. M. Purrington,	Bethel.
Piscataquis,	Mrs. J. B. Mayo,	Foxcroft.
Penobscot,	Mrs. A. J. Bates,	Brewer.
Somerset,	.....	.....
Union,	Mrs. J. P. Hubbard.	Hiram.
Waldo,	Mrs. J. H. Noyes,	Belfast.
Washington,	Miss Clara T. Peabody,	Princeton.
York.	Mrs. B. P. Snow,	Alfred.

### TREASURER,

Mrs. JOHN L. CROSBY, Bangor,

### SECRETARY,

Mrs. L. L. PAINE, Bangor.

The object of this Society is to arouse deeper interest among churches in the work of the Maine Missionary Society, and to collect money for its aid.

## CONSTITUTION FOR STATE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of the officers, to interest all Congregational Churches in the State, to form Aid Societies, with a view to raise money for the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 4. All funds collected, shall be given to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Society as often as once in each year.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and the transaction of other business, in connection with the meeting of the Maine General Conference, in June—the place and hour to be designated by the Secretary.

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## CONSTITUTION FOR CHURCH SOCIETIES.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called The [Here insert name selected.] Aid Society of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen at the annual meeting. One person may act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the collection of money to aid the Maine Missionary Society, and the arousing of deeper interest in the work of that Society.

ART. 4. All money raised by this Society, shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Auxiliary, to be used by her as their Constitution directs.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of this Society by the annual payment of \_\_\_\_\_ or the monthly payment of \_\_\_\_\_  
(The *method* of raising funds to be left to the discretion of the officers of the Society.)

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## STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.

This Society has just completed its first year, and its success is assured. The ladies who have taken hold of the work with a will, have proved once more, what active, earnest women can do, and they have but laid the foundation upon which we hope to build a strong, lasting structure.

The Maine Missionary Society at its recent annual meeting was able to report, for the first time in many years, that it was out of debt; and now its aim and desire is, to go back to its standard of work, of former years, and not only that, but to greatly enlarge its field of labor. To enable them to do this, it is our duty as well as privilege, to give all the aid in our power.

In the State of Maine, there are fifty-six churches, which last year gave not one cent for Missionary work of *any* kind, and many more who gave nothing for home work.

To the ladies of these churches we want to make a *special* appeal, that they join us, and help in our work for our own State. Let no one think because she can do only a *very little*, that she had better do nothing. It is the *littles* that swell the amount. In every church there must be one woman who can take hold of this new work; and let her once commence it, she will find her interest grow with her work.

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Last year the amount raised was \$1800, one hundred of which was through mistake sent to the Treasurer of the General Society. We would urge all Aid Societies to be particular in this, that the money be sent to our own Treasurer, Mrs. Crosby, and so avoid confusion.

We also urge the Vice Presidents and all who are interested and will help us, to commence their work as *early* in the year as possible, and to send the money raised, regularly, for during the first half of the year the Maine Missionary Society needs much money for its work. All the work done by Students, comes into the early part of the year, and they need their pay. The first contributions from our Society, last year, were used for this purpose.

By persistent continuance in well doing, we hope largely to increase our receipts during the coming year, and also to arouse a greater interest in our work among the women of the State.

If any churches prefer to do their share by making up boxes of clothing for some of our Missionaries, let them do so. This is a part of woman's work for the cause, and adds just so much to the Treasury. Any church desiring to do such work, can learn where a box will be not only useful but acceptable, by applying to the President of this Society.

Last year there was some misapprehension about this work of making up boxes of clothing. Several church Societies which were doing largely for us with their money, would have been glad to send a box to some

Home Missionary in the West, but feared that the rules of the Constitution prohibited such work. In any such desire, we heartily concur, only saying, see that our own Missionaries are supplied *first*. We have no desire to adopt an arbitrary policy.

The money can be raised either by annual subscription, or Monthly Envelope system.

The officers of these Aid Societies should be chosen from the ladies not especially connected with other Missionary Societies, that there may be no conflicting interest.

All Aid Societies, should hold quarterly prayer-meetings, having for their special subject, the Maine Missionary Society; at which meetings all items of interest in the work of that Society shall be brought to their notice by communication from the State Secretary.

As every Society of this kind, if left largely to run itself, soon dies, the officers should consider it their peculiar duty to use every means in their power, to look after the subscribers systematically.

Mission Circles may be formed among the young people and children, that they may be interested, and help forward the general work of the Society.

Any Association of young people contributing not less than five dollars yearly, may be called a circle; and they may select the particular place in which their money shall be expended.

Each circle should choose for itself a name, and appoint such officers as they may see fit.

Let it be distinctly understood that no conflict of Societies is intended. The new auxiliary has no controversy with any existing Board; for the promoters are all of one mind, and in hearty sympathy with all Christian endeavor.

Nor is it intended to multiply organizations. The only desire is to bring the female members of our churches into sympathy with and understanding of the vast needs of our State. Particularly it is to be hoped for, that every lady of the church and congregation, the young ladies and even the misses, may imbibe the spirit of the Mothers in Israel, who have strengthened our Parent Society by prayers and alms during these many years.

The inquiry will be "What shall we do?" We urge that in every Congregational Parish, a society be formed—possibly such a one may now exist; if so, simply urge that and enlarge it, so that every woman and child shall do her share—and make it do its best. Where no sys-

tem is in use, choose a woman of the right heart, and of the necessary capacity, to act as President of the Parish or local auxiliary; choose another for Secretary and Treasurer, and let them begin at once to enrol all in the parish whom they can persuade to become members.

The condition of membership is the paying monthly or otherwise, as may be agreed, a certain sum of money into the treasury. The amount need not be *large*, but it *must be regular*.

Five cents a month, or as much more as any one feels moved to give had better be asked for, and let the Treasurer see to it that the money be collected regularly.

Great stress is laid upon this, that the members be looked after systematically. Fix a Sunday in each month, for instance, when the money may be handed in. If it does not come in, then ask the delinquents once for the amount.

It is especially urged that the young ladies be interested. Choose some young person for the Treasurer, one who is wide awake, and who will grow up with the Missionary spirit.

What shall be done with the money? Keep it safely and as you can without too much trouble, and with the least expense, send it to Mr. John L. Crosby, Bangor Maine.

Send it at least twice a year. Send the funds and *square your books up to June 1st*.

This will show a year's work for the Branch, and for the Treasurer of the General Society. Mrs. Crosby will send a receipt for the money.

The local Treasurer will find it easier, where the parties are able, to ask for one payment, rather than to depend upon a monthly collection.

It will be arranged with the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society and with our State Missionaries, to furnish interesting intelligence from our churches, which will be sent to any local Branch that desires it. We shall find ourselves bound together by our mutual interests.

Further information can be obtained by the Secretary of any local Society by writing to the Vice President appointed from each Conference or to the President.

Mrs. Wm. E. GOULD,  
President.

# SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### TRUSTEES OF THE

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In submitting this seventy-fourth annual report of the Maine Missionary Society, the Trustees extend most cordial greetings to patrons and friends, and call their attention to the review of the work of the past year.

By the mercy of God, all the officers and ministers connected with the Society, have been spared until the present time.

It is fitting, however, that we record a word in memory of several who were once co-laborers, but have been called, during the year, to a better than earthly service.

None of us can soon forget the venerable father, Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D. He labored for the Society in its earlier history, and at different times, till 1869. His service was most efficient, his convictions were very positive, his statement of these convictions was artless and clear and fervid, and he was very bold in their defense, while according to others the right to speak and act for themselves.

Rev. Albert Cole was an ardent friend of the Society, most faithful in his labors for several of the aided churches, and for some time a valued Trustee. His memory will be cherished, especially by the churches in the western part of the State. He "rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

Rev. Charles Packard is another name which many in Maine will love to cherish and respect. He manifested the spirit of the Master wherever he went, and was instrumental in leading many souls to the christian life.

Rev. Henry Richardson, was blessed in his labors, and patient under long suffering, and has gone to his reward.

We will mention also, Rev. J. W. C. Pike, Rev. Eusebius Hale, and Rev. J. L. Ashly.

All these have accomplished their life work, and have kept the faith; henceforth theirs is the crown and the glory, through Jesus Christ their Lord and Redeemer.

We will be pardoned for mentioning here the name of one who, though still among the living, is feeble in body, and doubtless, will soon pass from earth to heaven. We refer to Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., not long since the faithful Secretary of the Society. May the Saviour he has loved and exalted be with him unto the end, and give him an abundant entrance to his kingdom.

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The following table will be understood readily, and is valuable as a synopsis of the work for the year.





**MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

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16	Deer Isle, North Dexter.....	M. E. Churchill.....	May 21, '81 11½	241½	60	0	0	0	0	54	25	35	.....
17	.....	J. L. Sewall.....	July 1, 1880 14	20½	68	0	0	0	0	0	.....	12	00
	.....	S. A. Burnaby.....	Oct. 1, 1880 8	87½	.....	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....
	.....	F. A. Wilson.....	June 5, 1881 1	16 1	.....	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....
18	Edgecomb.....	Rev. H. H. Hutchington.	July 1, 1880 12	200 8	75	0	0	0	85	30	40	.....	.....
19	Elliot.....	Rev. D. L. Hibbard.....	July 1, 1880 12	150 12	.....	0	2	0	55	15	79	17	00
20	Farmington Falls.....	Rev. C. L. Rotch.....	July 1, 1880 12	100 12	100	6	1	0	32	20	90	5	63
21	Fort Fairfield.....	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright.	July 1, 1880 12	250 12	175	0	1	1	60	.....	175	21	20
22	Freedom.....	W. E. Archibald.....	July 1, 1880 2½	34 2½	100	0	0	0	32	30	45	21	00
	.....	F. T. McLeod.....	Oct. 1, 1880 4½	42 4½	40	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Garland.....	Rev. P. B. Thayer.....	July 1, 1880 12	100 12	100	0	0	99	25	150	64	73	35
24	Gilead.....	Rev. T. P. Williams.....	July 1, 1880 12	100 12	90	0	0	0	30	.....	46	5	00
25	Gray.....	Rev. E. Bean.....	July 1, 1880 12	75 12	100	1	1	0	61	8	50	3	00
26	Harrison.....	Rev. N. Lincoln.....	July 1, 1880 12	100 12	70	0	2	0	46	20	50	9	10
27	Holden and.....	Rev. E. C. Crane.....	July 1, 1880 12	150 12	75	1	2	2	69	20	60	10	00
	Dedham.....	.....	.....	.....	50	0	0	0	56	20	40	4	50
28	Houlton.....	Rev. Z. Crowell.....	July 1, 1880 12	300 12	75	1	1	0	50	15	130	43	00
29	Industry and New Vineyard.....	T. A. Balcom.....	July 1, 1880 2½	40 2½	40	0	0	0	35	.....	50	.....	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	0	0	0	15	15	40	.....	.....
30	Isle au Haut.....	Rev. E. R. Osgood.....	July 1, 1880 3	48 3	60	0	0	0	11	3	58	.....	.....
31	Jonesport and Jonesboro.....	Rev. G. E. Chapin.....	July 1, 1880 12	300 9	75	0	1	0	40	15	100	25	00
	.....	O. G. McIntire.....	May 29, '81 1½	20 1½	65	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Kenduskeag.....	Rev. E. C. Fitz.....	July 1, 1880 12	100 6	85	0	0	0	65	0	70	8	00
33	Lincoln.....	I. C. Bumpus.....	July 1, 1880 3	60 3	100	0	0	0	25	20	25	1	25
	.....	F. Newport.....	Dec. 1, 1880 4	48 4	.....	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Limington.....	Rev. F. N. Lord.....	July 1, 1880 12	75 6	75	0	0	108	0	60	30	80	.....
35	Limerick.....	Rev. D. L. Jones.....	July 1, 1880 12	150 12	150	6	0	71	30	60	28	08	6
36	Litchfield.....	Rev. J. T. Hawes.....	July 1, 1880 12	150 12	70	0	0	59	20	50	16	00	.....
37	Lovell and.....	Rev. L. Goodrich.....	July 1, 1880 12	100 12	180	0	0	124	12	100	25	00	9
	Sweden.....	.....	.....	.....	45	0	0	33	35	13	00	8	00
38	Machiasport and.....	W. Rand.....	July 1, 1880 2½	44 2½	118	0	0	60	40	78	12	00	.....
	Whitneyville.....	.....	.....	.....	65	0	0	48	0	74	15	00	.....

TABULAR VIEW, Continued.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	ADDED.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			
							Conventions.	Conversion.	Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School.	Male Missionary Society. Other Object.
39	Madison.....	Rev. T. G. Mitchell.....	July 1, 1880	12	125 12	125 12	75	0	0	74	...	56	28 00
40	Medway.....	E. H. Hackett.....	July 1, 1880	3	48 3	48 3	60	0	no ch.	...	20 40	40	.....
41	Mercer and.....	T. G. Clutter.....	July 1, 1880	12	85 12	85 12	80	0	0	36	1 65	65	8 00
	Clinton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	0	0	6	.....	40	.....
42	Millford.....	Rev. H. A. Freeman.....	Oct. 1, 1880	9	75 9	75 9	70	6	no ch.	...	30 40	30	3 00
43	Monmouth.....	A. J. Rackliff.....	Oct. 1, 1880	23	40 23	40 23	85	0	20	6	30 50	50	15 00
	.....	C. T. Hawes.....	June 5, 1881	1	16 1	16 1	.....	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
44	Monson and.....	Rev. J. B. Hawes.....	Nov. 1, 1880	8	133 8	133 8	125	0	0	92	22 75	75	70 00
	Abbot.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	0	0	29	...	30	.....
45	Newfield W. & Parsonfield	Rev. J. Edwards.....	July 1, 1880	12	150 12	150 12	150	5	1	2	33 25	60	26 50
46	Northfield.....	J. E. Tuttle.....	July 1, 1880	24	36 24	36 24	80	0	0	28	30 40	40	.....
	.....	C. L. Skinner.....	June 5, 1881	1	16 1	16 1	.....	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	Patten and.....	Rev. C. N. Sinnott.....	July 1, 1880	12	250 9	250 9	70	2	2	4	50 15	80	16 30
	Island Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	0	4	0	37 12	80	7 30
48	Pembroke.....	J. B. Carruthers.....	July 1, 1880	12	100 12	100 12	75	0	0	19	40 60	60	13 00
49	Pittston.....	Rev. D. L. Davis.....	July 1, 1880	12	200 6	200 6	90	4	4	1	28 28	35	9 97
50	Pownal and.....	Rev. R. Wickett.....	July 1, 1880	12	100 12	100 12	80	8	1	0	53 30	70	12 00
	Durham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	0	2	0	32 25	60	4 63
51	Presque Isle & Maysville	Rev. W. S. Kimball.....	Sept. 1, 1880	10	250 10	250 10	.....	0	1	2	25	63	10 50
52	Princeton and.....	F. T. McLeod.....	July 1, 1880	34	39 34	39 34	80	0	0	0	76	40	14 00
	Waite.....	T. S. Williston.....	Oct. 1, 1880	24	40 24	40 24	.....	0	no ch.	.....	.....	.....	.....
	.....	Rev. G. E. Chapin.....	Apr. 1, 1881	3	37 3	37 3	.....	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....

**MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

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\*Contribution was too late to credit here. It will go on next year.

## REMARKS.

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1. **ACTON.** Little change is noticed here. The members are ready to give as the Lord hath prospered them.

2. **ALBANY.** This place is supplied for a part of the year, as arrangement can be made.

3. **ANDOVER.** The pastor resigned in April, the people are anxious to have preaching again.

5. **AUBURN 6th St.** The Union with Minot Center has been continued with satisfactory results. The pastor writes: "Am very glad to inform you that we shall not apply for further aid. We are very thankful for the aid we have received and for the kindly interest in us; will endeavor in the future to remember the Missionary Society. Our congregation is much larger now than formerly, and I think we are in the way of prosperity, spiritually, as well as financially."

6. **BALDWIN AND SEBAGO.** There has been no supply here since October. The pastor at Standish expects to supply for a part of the coming year, at East Baldwin.

7. **EAST BANGOR AND ESSEX ST.** These points are united, and are supplied at present by a student of Bangor Seminary. The last report says: "Essex St. is a good field, and very encouraging. The interest has been good for more than a year, owing largely to the earnestness of the servants of God in the place."

9. **BENTON.** Mr. Wiswall has gone to Norway. It is important that this place be supplied very soon. It might be connected with Waterville or Winslow.

11. **BURLINGTON.** The church feels somewhat discouraged. The people have been trying to finish their house of worship, but the work does not progress as rapidly as some desire. They do not feel able to have preaching at the present. This little church has been faithful in the past, and deserves sympathy and assistance.

12. **CARIBOU.** The Sabbath services have been maintained, half the time in the village, and half the time in other places now held as regular appointments. All seem to be united in their pastor, and he feels happy in his labors.

13. CASCO. This place has been supplied in connection with Otisfield. At Casco a good interest is manifest. In the early winter, special meetings were held, and good results followed. The report says, "Christian hearts have been cheered, and their faith has been strengthened. Fifteen conversions are noted, of which six or eight are heads of families, and the rest are young people. Thirteen have united with the church on confession, and some by letter. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," is the song of our hearts at present.

14. CHERRYFIELD AND STEUBEN. Mr. Cousins has labored here for a full year, and gratifying progress has been made. Three conversions and four additions are reported, and a good degree of interest is manifest.

15. DENMARK. Thirty-three dollars worth of the "Church Hymn Book" were put into the pews, and forty-eight dollars worth of books were added to the Sunday School library. A student from New Haven Seminary supplies for the summer.

16. NORTH DEER ISLE. This field was supplied last year by Rev. Alfred Ives, of Castine, without charge to the Missionary Society. At the present, a student from New Haven is there.

17. DEXTER. This place has been held very satisfactorily during the year, by students.

18. EDGECOMB. By reason of ill health, Mr. Hutchinson has withdrawn from active service, and the place is destitute. It is expected that the meeting house will be finished *within*, during the season.

19. ELLIOT. Good progress has been made here. A house of worship has been built and finished, even to the vestry rooms. It is furnished tastily and will be convenient in every particular. It is a model for comfort and beauty. Mr. Hibbard has led judiciously and successfully.

20. FARMINGTON FALLS. The work of the church has been very satisfactory. There is some debt upon the meeting house, but for which it would be self-supporting. There is preaching every Sunday afternoon, instead of once a month, as before the new house was occupied.

21. FORT FAIRFIELD. There seems to be a good degree of harmony, and all have been encouraged to hope for the future. The church is free from debt, and its members prosper in business. Mr. Wheelwright has done good service for a year and a half, but he must be transferred to another point where he is needed.

22. FREEDOM. A student carried this station for the summer, after which it was supplied for half the time from Bangor Seminary.

23. GARLAND. The pastor reports, "All things continue with us (not indeed as they were from the beginning,) but very much as they were at my last report." He has preached twice on the Sabbath, and taught two Bible classes, and conducted a social meeting, besides travelling several miles. It does a good man good to stay thirty-three years in one field, even though it be a missionary church. This people can rightly call him *Father Thayer*!

24. GILEAD. A good report comes from this field. Mr. Williams will remain longer.

26. GRAY. Much sickness, many deaths, and other changes, have rendered the year a very trying one. Still the ordinances of the gospel have been kept up.

26. HARRISON. Two additions to the church are reported, and the usual interest.

27. HOLDEN AND DEDHAM. After three years of service, the pastor has closed his labors here, and has accepted a call from the Waldoboro church. His people did all they could, consistently, to retain him, but they submit, and wish him success.

28. HOULTON is now without a pastor. Mr. Crowell has gone to the churches at Cornish and Hiram, where a promising field opens to him.

31. JONESPORT AND JONESBORO. Mr. Chapin accepted a call to Princeton in April, and now these places are supplied by a student. Joseph Sweetser, Esq., of Malden, Mass., a former member of the Jonesboro church, has generously assisted in supplying preaching for the last year. John O'Brien Stetson, Esq., the last male member of the church, died last month, aged 79.

33. LINCOLN. This place has been held by Mr. Newport, of Bangor Seminary, one-half the time. He will supply all the time during the vacation.

34. LIMINGTON, is now without a pastor. It is an inviting and promising field for some good man.

36. LITCHFIELD. The report speaks of the death of aged members who have been in the church for more than half a century; good men and true in every direction, and greatly missed. Otherwise, "Faint yet pursuing."

37. LOVELL AND SWEDEN. Encouragements and discouragements are reported. The field is large and the labor arduous, yet there seems to be no disposition to slacken, either on the part of the churches, or the

pastor. At Lovell village matters are especially encouraging. The attendance on public worship is good, and almost every family is represented in Sunday school.

38. **MACHIASPORT AND WHITNEYVILLE.** There has been no regular supply here since last summer. An effort has been made to secure a pastor, but not with success.

39. **MADISON.** The pastor has been under peculiar trial the past year. His wife, who has been his faithful helpmeet during his ministry, has been quite helpless, and a great sufferer. This has severely taxed all his energies, and necessarily interfered with his pastoral labors.

40. **MEDWAY.** No church has yet been gathered at this point. The people seem glad to have preaching for the summer months at least, and they do something toward the support.

41. **MERCER AND CLINTON.** Mr. Chutter supplies one-half the time in each of these places.

42. **MILFORD.** This is worked in connection with Oldtown. There has been some religious interest, and six conversions are reported.

43. **MONMOUTH.** The supply for this church comes mostly from Bangor Seminary and Bates College. Twenty-six additions to the church are noted. A pastor is needed.

44. **MONSON AND ABBOT.** Rev. J. B. Hawes began to labor here Nov. 1.

45. **WEST NEWFIELD AND PARSONFIELD.** Five conversions and three additions, and a good interest, is reported. The pastor decided to seek another field but has been persuaded to remain another year.

46. **NORTHFIELD** is supplied by students during the summer months.

47. **PATTEN AND ISLAND FALLS.** A pastor is wanted here. This is an important circuit, and a faithful man will find good encouragement. We hope some one will be found to go there at once and lead a willing flock.

48. **PEMBROKE.** This church has been worked together with Perry; but the union has closed, and Pembroke is supplied by a student.

49. **PITSTON.** Since Jan. 1, the pastor has supplied another point, and has not drawn upon the Society. But the double work proves to be too much, and an application for aid again is sent.

50. **POWNAL AND DURHAM.** Eight conversions, and three additions, and a good degree of interest is reported. Mr. Wickett is laboring faithfully and successfully.

51. **PRESQUE ISLE AND MAYSVILLE.** Mr. Kimball has been upon the ground since Sept. last, and all seems to work satisfactorily.

52. **PRINCETON AND WAITE.** The people seem to be encouraged. A permanent pastor is upon the ground, and a parsonage has been purchased, largely through the efforts of the women.

54. **SANFORD AND SOUTH SANFORD.** Not much progress is reported excepting in church building and repairs. The pastor reports good attendance upon Sabbath worship, and is more hopeful.

57. **SHERMAN AND SILVER RIDGE.** Mr. Merrill left the field in October much to the regret of his friends. Mr. Bumpus has carried the work very well. He has secured the hearts of the people, and is doing good.

58. **SOLON AND BINGHAM.** This union promised well when it was entered upon, one year ago; but it is broken, and Solon and North New Portland unite upon Mr. Peacock, who was ordained last June.

59. **SOMESVILLE AND TREMONT.** This is a large field, too large for one man to work effectually. The pastor does what he can. His report simply statistical, and gives little material for notice.

61. **STRONG.** Mr. Pratt closes his labors in July, and a pastor will be needed at once.

63. **TURNER.** Several prominent members have died, and some have come in to fill their places. The pastor seems to have the confidence and esteem of his people, and they desire to retain him.

65. **UNION AND APPELTON.** The attendance on meetings, has been quite good, in pleasant weather, and the usual work has been accomplished. It is now twenty-one years since the pastor was ordained here. He has been abundant in labors, and eminently successful in the true sense. Although the population has fallen off 407 since 1861 the membership has gone from 53 to 83, or reckoning resident membership from 37 to 73. During this time 53 have died or have been dismissed a number equal to the membership of 1861. Eighty-one have been received by profession and ten by letter, 91 in all, and this has been scattered all along the years, showing a healthy growth.

Besides this the pastor has supplied the Washington church for a part of the time; and during the last few years, he has established an interest at Appleton which promises well.

This is a good showing. There are but few churches situated in old settlements, and in a decreasing population that have any more than held their own in point of members. Very seldom can a case be found where the membership has been doubled, except in rapidly growing communities. God only can estimate such work as this. It speaks volumes for a permanent ministry, which strikes the roots so deep that they cannot be torn from the soil.



68. **WILTON AND TEMPLE.** This union is doing well. At Temple a bell of 800 pounds has been hung, and the people are much pleased with it. It is the only one in town. The Ladies' Circle had been saving money for this purpose for more than ten years, and had accumulated \$100 and over. Then the parish took hold of the matter, and raised enough with a gift of \$25.00 from a former resident, to make \$250, which covered all expenses. "Songs of Christian Praise," is found to be a great improvement upon "Watts and Select."

69. **WINDHAM.** Since the Conference the aged pastor has been suddenly bereft of wife and daughter.

70. **WOOLWICH.** This point is still held by pastor Thayer, who has led them so well for the past fourteen years.

71. **YORK SECOND.** The pastor has been feeble for a part of the year, but he has resumed preaching as usual.

72. **VAN BUREN** is a new point, of which we speak elsewhere.

## SUMMARY.

Ninety-seven points were occupied during the year by eighty-two men fifty of whom are ordained, and thirty-two are licentiates. Eighty-one churches and sixteen stations were thus supplied with preaching the whole or part of the time. As usual, the pastors held numerous out-meetings not reckoned in the above statement. The aggregate of service is fifty-two years; the average of hearers each Sabbath is returned as 7,246; the number gathered in the Sunday-schools, children and adults, is 5,694. Forty-two have served for the entire year, either in one place each, all the time, or by immediate change to a second point—fourteen from six months to eleven months each—and the others for terms less than four months. The average attendance at the week-day prayer-meetings has been 1,626, against 1,450 last year, from a membership of 3,931 against 4,363 last year. Eighty-one hopeful conversions have been reported, seventy-one less than last year. The number added to the churches is, by profession eighty-five, by letter, thirty-five, in all 120, a falling off of ninety in the aggregate from last year. Four have been ordained, three of whom continue their work in Maine, while one goes to the home missionary work in Minnesota. The average grant to churches which have constant supply is \$130, the same as last year. The average salary is \$567, as many pastors perhaps paying rent as receiving a free home. \$1,043.52 has been contributed to the Maine Missionary

Society and \$623.90 for other benevolent purposes. Of the places aided last year, Biddeford First, Naples and Rangely have not been supplied — Eastport, Frankfort, Greenville, Kittery, Minot Center, Norway, Oldtown, and Robbinston have asked no aid, though they have been supplied the whole or a part of the time. Auburn 6th St. declares itself self-supporting from this date.

## THE TREASURY.

It is with feelings of sincere gratitude to Him who disposes all events, and to the friends who have so generously opened their hearts, that we report the Maine Missionary Society to be *free from debt!* And this means all it implies. Every order for service up to July 1st, can be paid, and something will remain in the treasury.

Upon some of us, this matter has rested as a burden for a larger part of the year. While feeling that it was safe to expect relief from *some* quarter, it was thought advisable to appeal for a special subscription, which should go towards canceling the indebtedness of the Society. Circulars were addressed to the pastors, and to individuals, with the understanding that the regular contributions should not be disturbed, and that individuals who were able, should be solicited for generous donations. Very cheerfully did many respond, till something more than \$2,000 was on the list. Although the subscription was conditional, the larger amount has been paid without reference thereto.

While other churches have done well, and we would like to speak of several such, we must allude to the hearty co-operation of the State St. Church, Portland, by the pastor and members, which added more than \$500 to the special fund, while contributing \$863 to the general fund!

And now we can specify as follows:

Receipts from the churches,	\$8,940 00
Towards the debt.—Paid,	1,900 00
Woman's Auxiliary,	1,800 00
Legacies, (lately given),	1,750 00
Income from fund,	1,834 00
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	\$16,237 00

The Treasurer's report notes larger legacies, which do not come legitimately in to the receipts of the present year.

## EXPENDITURES BY CONFERENCES.

## APPLIED TO THE CHURCHES IN

Aroostook Conference.	\$1,670 00
Cumberland Conference.	206 00
Cumberland North Conference.	375 00
Franklin Conference.	551 67
Hancock Conference.	354 00
Kennebec Conference.	525 00
Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.	333 33
Oxford Conference.	275 00
Penobscot Conference.	634 00
Piscataquis Conference.	405 83
Somerset Conference.	391 00
Union Conference.	600 00
Waldo Conference.	76 59
Washington Conference.	916 50
York Conference.	813 00

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Amount paid to pastors and other supplies. \$8,126 33

Seven of the Conferences have paid more than the amount granted to churches within their borders, and eight have fallen below this. Cumberland Conference has paid in \$2,588.60, and her churches have received \$206.00.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The success of the Woman's Society which was organized at Foxcroft last year, has demonstrated its right to be—Some thought it would be satisfactory if \$1,000 could be raised in this way, the first year. The president and her aids entered upon the work with a will, and \$1,800 have been paid into the treasury. We hope this is but an earnest of what is yet to be accomplished by the women of the churches. The littles make the mickle! This axiom applies as well in *benevolent economy* as elsewhere. But how few realize the fact. It is said, "the rich must do the giving; the dimes look small beside the larger donations; better look for some grand legacies!" They are *grand* and we rejoice in them. But all missionary work will fail under such policy. The *thousands* must be intensely interested in the cause; and this interest cannot be secured unless the thousands *give* as they have the ability, or as the Lord has prospered. Indeed the roots of the "grand legacies" are found in the modest contribution boxes which received the half-pennies and pica-nyones of the earlier missionary concerts. We may thank the Lord for

the days of small things ; they prepare for the days of great things. Up on the feeble experiments of the past, with steam and electricity, the prophecy is already fulfilled: "Men run to and fro, and knowledge is increased."

It is well said in a late *Missionary Herald*, "Good crops in a garden or field, do not follow a yearly subsoil plowing, valuable as that may be. The successful cultivators bid us stir the soil often. An annual gift though it may be large, does not bring the donor all, or the best part of the fruits he might derive from his giving. It is frequent giving that keeps the heart open and free, ready for the growth of all the graces. He was a wise missionary who declined to receive from a Karen a rupee for a whole year instead of a pice a week which the other christians were giving. To be sure fifty-two pice would not make a rupee, and the treasury would be fuller if the rupee were accepted, but the donor would not be as much blessed. 'Don't you know,' said the missionary, 'that a hinge if opened only once a year, soon comes to creaking. Open often, no creaking ; give often, no croaking.' " This is the principal upon which the Auxiliary is based. A frequent opening of the heart and purse will secure much prayer and work for missions.

## NEW FIELDS.

At the entreaty of some, a student was sent to Shirley, near Greenville, last summer. Our missionary at Caribou holds an important point at Lyndon Centre. Letter B. has been cared for from Houlton, and good results are reported. The pastor at Oldtown, aided by some of his people, cares for Milford, and several conversions are reported. Appleton is supplied from Union, and a very interesting audience has been gathered there. Princeton gives its minister, a part of the time, to Wait.

A new enterprise has gone into Van Buren, on the northeast border of Aroostook County. An extensive mill calls in considerable capital, fifty or sixty men, and several good families. The leaders of the establishment are Congregationalists, and ask for a minister, promising to build a chapel as they build tenements, and to pay one-half of salary at least till things can be made permanent. The parties are eminently reliable and Mr. Pennell, a Maine man of New Haven Seminary, is on the ground for his vacation, happy in being the first one to lay the new foundation.

An interest has arisen at Millbridge, in Washington County. It is a thriving sea-coast village, having two convenient union meeting-houses. Reliable men voluntarily pledged \$600, and asked for a Congregation.

minister for one year. The Rev. E. L. Walbridge is on the ground, and knowing the spirit of the man, we predict success. One year ago Cherryfield church, which for several years had yielded to those of other names, came back to life with a bound, and plead for a pastor. One of our best young men was sent them, and their highest expectation seems to be met. Steuben has been united with this place, and a branch church has been organized. In 1877 the minutes read: "Cherryfield,—*no returns*." Really, there were *fourteen* members, five of whom were absentees.

Dixmont and Plymouth church was reduced to one resident member, a woman, and she past threescore and ten. Last October, six persons, adults, asked to be received to that church. The records were found, the mother in Israel voted that they be received, and the church lives again. These few pledge \$125, and they will soon be supplied from Jackson and Brooks.

A call comes from Phillips, now accessible by railroad. There has been no Congregational preaching in the town for years, and thus far the few members have done well to work harmoniously with the other evangelical churches. At the earnest entreaty of some of the members, a supply will be sent at once, and the wisdom of their effort will be tested.

These are examples of the work demanded; nor can we turn from it and be loyal to the Master. It is even more definite than—"Go ye into all the world." It is, go ye to Van Buren, and Dixmont and Millbridge and Phillips, and preach the gospel to those who plead for it.

## THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

After Mr. Blanchard closed his work in this department of the service, to enter the pastorate at St. John, the Trustees at their last annual meeting voted to employ one, or more, during the year, to do this work, and a committee was appointed to secure the man or men.

The place was offered to one of our pastors, but his judgment bade him remain in the field that had been aided and had just come to self-support.

Mr. I. C. Bumpus, one well experienced in gospel work, was employed to hold certain points till regular supplies could be obtained. He did good service at Lincoln for ten weeks, after which he was placed at Sherman. He has done well there for nine months, and the people will not let him go. The time has come to secure such help in this direction as may be needed. Part of the salary will come from the field occupied.

## THE NATIONAL SOCIETY.

One thousand and thirty-two ministers of the gospel were employed the last year in 34 different States and Territories. 2,653 congregations and stations have been supplied, in whole, or in part, by these men. The number of pupils in Sunday-schools is 99,898. 131 churches have been organized during the year and 67 have been self-supporting. 57 houses of worship have been completed 132 have been materially repaired, and 26 are in process of erection. 2,474 hopeful conversions are reported by 279 missionaries, and 5,922 have been added to the churches. The receipts for the year amounted to \$290,953.72; the expenditures were \$284,414.82. The report speaks of a general advance in the work. Immigration is rushing into the Territories like a flood, and Mormonism shooting its poisonous roots stealthily and swiftly through the three vast Territories adjacent, and the present priesthood controls the native population in the great Territories bordering upon Mexico.

Moved by a sense of the vast work to be done, and by such encouragements as the above named, and by the promises of God's word, our hearts are made to beat in unison with those who have the care of such great interests, and we pledge our continued sympathy and prayers, and co-operation, till these kingdoms shall all become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The spirit of the Lord be "upon the Society, and upon its supporters." for "He hath anointed it to preach his gospel, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

## IN CONCLUSION.

We have now come to the last year of the third quarter century of the Society. Next year, its seventy-fifth anniversary will be celebrated. Shall it be the best year of the twenty-five—the best of the seventy-five? Then we must pledge ourselves, and fulfill the pledge, to do more than has ever been done. And that means, we must pray more, and labor more, and give more. It means that the officers of the Society, and the pastors of the churches, must be more watchful and self-sacrificing, and earnest for the enlargement of the feeble churches, and more persistent in their efforts to redeem the waste places for Christ. It means that general-missionary must be put into the field at once, to do a work that can be done in no way as well. It means that all this must be done in a humble yet bold faith, "nothing wavering," assured that every trial, and every effort, will bear on to the victory, if we faint not. We will aim for this result. Let us not count any sacrifice too great, that we may secure the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in our commonwealth, and throughout our broad national domain.

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

# ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

## AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Caribou.....	\$13 50	Patten.....	27 02
Carroll and Springfield.....	0 00	Presque Isle.....	10 50
Fort Fairfield.....	21 20	Sheridan.....	13 00
Houlton.....	43 00	Conference .....	15 75
Island Falls.....	7 30		
Lee.....	0 00		\$151 27
Passadumkeag.....	0 00		
Expended.....	\$1,670.		

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Baldwin and Sebago.....	\$ 0 00	Portland, West.....	12 00
Cape Elizabeth 1st.....	10 02	" Plymouth.....	50 00
Ligonia.....	15 00	" Williston.....	186 52
Deering 1st.....	0 00	" St. Street.....	1,233 00
Deering Woodford's.....	104 52	" Four "friends".....	35 00
Falmouth 1st.....	33 35	Scarboro.....	56 20
" 2nd.....	6 00	Standish.....	0 00
Gorham.....	210 79	Westbrook Saccarappa.....	23 28
Portland 2nd. Ch.....	231 16	Westbrook Warren Ch.....	34 16
" High St.....	707 72	*Windham.....	0 00
" 4th.....	0 00		
" Bethel Ch.....	0 00		\$2,954 80
" St. Lawrence.....	16 08		
Expended.....	\$206 00.		

## CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Auburn High St.....	\$349 00	Minot Centre.....	12 00
*Auburn 6th St.....	0 00	Minot West.....	0 00
Auburn West.....	21 61	New Gloucester.....	137 90
Brunswick.....	242 89	North Yarmouth.....	29 66
Cumberland.....	39 00	Poland.....	0 00
Durham.....	4 63	Pownal.....	12 00
Freeport.....	41 50	Turner.....	44 53
Freeport South.....	33 17	Yarmouth.....	157 68
*Gray.....	3 00	*Yarmouth, Central.....	0 00
Harpwell.....	9 14		
Lewiston Pine St.....	112 53		\$1,250 24
Mechanic Falls.....	0 00		
Expended.....	\$375 00.		

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington.....	\$29 50	Temple.....	
Farmington Falls.....	5 63	Weld.....	
Industry.....	0 00	*Wilton.....	
New Sharon.....	16 15	Conference.....	
New Vineyard.....	0 00		
Phillips.....	0 00		
Strong.....	6 00		
Expended.....	\$551 67.		

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst and Aurora.....	\$10 00	Orland.....	
Bluehill.....	13 00	Sedgwick Village.....	
Brooksville West.....	5 50	Sedwick and Brooksville...	
Bucksport.....	167 20	*Somesville.....	
Castine.....	30 00	*Tremont.....	
Deer Isle.....	57 00	Conference.....	
* " " 2nd.....	0 00		
Ellsworth.....	9 00		
Isle au Haut.....	0 00		
Expended.....	\$354 00.		

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta.....	\$417 07	Sidney.....	
Benton.....	12 11	Vassalboro.....	
Clinton.....	0 00	Waterville.....	
Gardiner.....	102 00	Winslow.....	
Hallowell.....	185 12	Winthrop.....	
Litchfield.....	16 00	Albion, a friend.....	
Monmouth.....	15 00		
Pittston.....	9 57		
Richmond.....	35 00		
Expended.....	\$525 00.		

## LINCOLN AND SAGadahoc CONFERENCE.

Alna.....	\$32 00	Rockland.....	
Bath Winter St.....	446 41	Thomaston.....	
" Central.....	359 90	Topsham.....	
Boothbay 1st.....	20 00	Union.....	
" 2nd.....	147 50	Waldoboro.....	
Bremen.....	0 00	" 2nd.....	
*Bristol.....	0 00	Warren.....	
Edgecomb.....	0 00	Washington.....	
Lisbon.....	0 00	Woolwich.....	
New Castle 1st.....	0 00	Mrs. Payson, Cushing.....	
" 2nd.....	69 93		
Phippsburg.....	6 00		
Expended.....	\$333 33.		

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Andover.....	\$11 37	Rumford.....	
Bethel 1st.....	41 30	So. Paris.....	
" 2nd.....	20 00	Sumner.....	
Dixfield.....	2 00	Upton.....	
Gilead.....	5 00	Conference.....	
Norway 1st.....	0 00		
" 2nd.....	10 15		
Oxford.....	0 00		
Expended.....	\$275 00		



## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Bangor 1st. Church.....	\$125 75	Lincoln.....	1 25
" Hammond. St.....	399 17	Oldtown.....	35 24
" Central.....	594 00	Orono.....	27 77
" East.....	50	East Orrington.....	27 32
Brewer 1st Church.....	89 17	Upper Stillwater.....	5 00
" Village.....	60 01	Veazie.....	0 00
Burlington.....	0 00	Bangor West.....	8 00
Dedham.....	4 50	Bradley, Mrs. Bullin.....	1 00
Dixmont and Plymouth.....	0 00	Milford.....	3 00
Hampden.....	86 27	Student, Theo. Sem. Bangor...	5 00
Holden.....	10 00		
Kenduskeag.....	8 00		
Expended.....	\$634 00.		\$1,490 95

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Abbot.....	87 00	Greenville.....	16 00
Atkinson.....	0 00	Monson.....	70 00
Blanchard.....	26 00	Sangerville.....	0 00
Brownville.....	41 36	Conference.....	3 00
Dexter.....	12 00		
Foxcroft and Dover.....	125 00		\$365 09
Garland.....	64 73		
Expended.....	\$405 83.		

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Anson.....	\$5 00	Norridgewock.....	48 25
Athens.....	0 00	Skowhegan.....	71 25
Bingham.....	15 00	Solon.....	17 00
Madison.....	28 00	Solon So.....	0 00
Madison East.....	7 00	*St. Albans.....	0 00
*Mercer.....	0 00		
New Portland No.....	0 00		\$191 5
Expended.....	\$391 00.		

## UNION CONFERENCE.

Albany.....	\$16 00	Lovell.....	25 00
Bridgton.....	48 98	Naples.....	10 00
" No.....	34 00	Otisfield.....	0 00
" So.....	75 00	*Stow and Chatham.....	0 00
*Brownfield.....	5 00	Sweden.....	13 00
Casco.....	30 00	Waterford.....	11 10
Denmark.....	9 00	" No.....	14 20
Fryeburg.....	30 77	Conference.....	14 00
Harrison.....	9 10		
Hiram.....	13 13		\$358 28
Expended.....	\$600 00.		

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast.....	\$169 30	Sandypoint.....	0 00
" No.....	0 00	Searsport 1st.....	104 00
Camden.....	16 00	" 2d.....	24 00
Frankfort.....	10 55	Winterport.....	27 60
Freedom.....	10 50		
Jackson and Brooks.....	8 00		\$369 95
*Rockport.....	0 00		
Expended.....	\$76 50.		

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais.....	\$56 00	Pembroke.....	13 0
Cherryfield.....	26 35	*Perry.....	0 0
Cooper.....	0 00	Princeton.....	14 0
Dennysville.....	4 00	Robbinston.....	31 0
Eastport.....	25 00	Steuben.....	12 2
Jonesport.....	25 00	Topsfield.....	0 0
Machias.....	73 85	Whiting.....	1 1
"    East.....	40 00	Whitneyville.....	15 0
Machiasport.....	12 00	Conference.....	17 7
Marshfield.....	0 00		
St. Stephen N. B.....	130 00		\$496 31
Northfield.....	0 00		
Expended.....	\$916 50.		

## YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton.....	\$44 00	Lyman.....	9 0
Alfred.....	105 00	Newfield West.....	26 50
Biddeford 1st.....	0 00	Parsonsfield.....	0 0
"    2nd.....	188 60	Saco.....	56 34
"    Pavilion.....	45 00	Sanford.....	5 0
Buxton So.....	0 00	"    So.....	5 0
"    No.....	0 00	Shapleigh.....	0 0
Cornish.....	11 00	So. Berwick.....	58 0
Elliot.....	17 00	Wells 1st.....	39 50
Kennebunk Union.....	102 60	"    2nd.....	42 0
*Kennebunkport 1st.....	0 00	York 1st.....	59 3
"    So.....	12 22	"    2nd.....	22 0
Kittery.....	1 20	Conference.....	28 0
Lebanon.....	22 00		
Limerick.....	28 08		\$968 24
Llmington.....	30 80		
Expended.....	\$813 00.		

\*Contribution was too late to be credited here. Will be credited next year.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. G. W. Haley Peabody Mass.....	\$ 4 00
A Friend, Sandwich Islands.....	400 00
J. Sweetser Esq., Malden Mass.....	75 00
Rev. R. B. Howard, Rockport Mass.....	5 00
"    H. T. Cheever, Worcester Mass.....	20 00
"A Friend" Worcester Mass.....	50 00
Rev. Smith Baker, Lowell Mass.....	5 00
"    R. H. Davis, Sandwich Island.....	10 00
Mrs. F. D. Johnson, Richmond Va.....	25 00
M. S. Starkweather Esq., Boston Mass.....	12 00
Students, Theo. Seminary, Hartford Conn.....	46 50
Rev. C. L. Mills, Andover Mass.....	50 00
Collection, State Conference Foxcroft.....	58 3
Secretary, Preaching.....	37 00
	\$797 88

The amount in the foregoing table is \$11,962.78 received: \$8,126 83 expended.

Sixty-two churches are noted as having no credit for the year. Nine of these have contributed since the annual meeting. Twenty-nine of these churches have less than twelve members each; and eleven vary in membership from five to eight each. Most of these smaller churches are without regular supply; and some are without supply in any form.

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James A. Reed, Esq.

LICENTIATES, including also those employed for a portion of the year, and reference to their place of service.

Charles E. Andrews, East Bangor.....54  
William E. Archibald, Freedom....58, 205  
A. E. Armstrong, Burlington, etc...54, 204  
F. A. Bakom, Industry, N. Vineyard, 49, 205  
W. D. P. Bliss, Albany.....57, 87, 204  
L. A. Bumpus, Lincoln, etc. 205, 46, 62, 83, 207  
S. A. Burnaby, Rumford, etc. 53, 207, 55, 205  
John B. Carruthers, Pembroke, Perry, 59, 206  
M. E. Churchill, North Deer Isle, 50, 205  
F. G. Chutter, Clinton, etc.....51, 56, 206  
Albert Donnell, Rumford.....53, 207  
W. H. Forbes, Topshfield.....59, 207  
Edward H. Hackett, Medway.....83, 206  
Charles T. Hawes, Monmouth.....51, 206  
William Haynes, Amherst, Aurora, 50, 204  
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G. W. Johnson, Amherst, etc.....204, 58  
N. Light, Stow and Chatham.....57, 207  
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W. G. Mann, Denmark, etc.....57, 204, 207

O. G. McIntire, Jonesport, Jonesboro, 59, 205  
F. T. McLeod, Princeton, etc. 59, 206, 89, 205  
Thomas W. Minnis, Shirley.....85, 206  
F. Newport, Lincoln, etc.....54, 82, 205, 83  
Albert H. Pennell, Van Buren.....63, 207  
A. J. Rackliff, Monmouth, etc. 51, 206, 56, 84  
W. Rund, Machiasport, etc.....59, 205  
Gilman Rice, Sumner.....53, 79  
John L. Sewall, Dexter.....55, 205  
Charles W. Shelton, Denmark.....204  
Charles L. Skinner, Northfield.....59, 206  
Richard S. Stanley, Monmouth.....51  
George W. Stearns, Albany, 57, 204, Patten, 46  
Charles W. Stetson, Denmark.....57  
J. W. Todd, West Bangor, etc. 83, 204, 54, 82  
J. E. Tuttle, Northfield.....59, 206  
Everett L. Wallbridge, East Bangor, 81, 204  
F. L. Williston, E. Baldwin, etc. 204, 59, 206  
David T. Williams, Whiting.....59, 207  
Frederic A. Wilson, Dexter.....53, 205

## TREASURE

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1880-81

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1880.	
June—To Balance on hand.....	\$
" Income from Permanent Fund, &c.....	\$1835 72
" Church Collections, Donations, Life Memberships, &c., including \$1750 from the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$500 for reduction of the debt of the Society.....	12848 54
To Legacies :	
William B. Sewall.....	\$18004 46
John B. Brown.....	1000 00
Dea. Stephen Sewall.....	500 00
Miss Dorman.....	250 00
Miss King.....	500 00
Mrs. Tapley.....	10 00
Mrs. L. W. Maxwell—annual.....	6 00
	—————\$20270 46
To Rev. J. E. Adams, Preaching.....	87 00
" Albany Church Fund.....	500 00
" Permanent Fund.....	3250 00
" Loan.....	3000 00
	—————\$4174
	—————\$4181

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## REPORT.

WITH THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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1880-1881.

By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders.....	\$9622 81
" " Mrs. Bourne. Income Sewall Fund.....	208 00
" " Rev. J. E. Adams.....	1860 64
" " Jackson and Brooks church, Income Abbot Fund.....	30 00
" " Printing, and Christian Mirror.....	164 18
" " Loans.....	3750 00
" " Interest.....	54 00
" " Treasurer's account.....	67 78
" " Permanent Fund.....	24165 83
	<u>\$39923 24</u>
June 13,—By Balance.....	\$1911 34

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\$41838 58

E. and O. E.

J. MAXWELL, Treasurer.

PORTLAND, June 14, 1881.

We the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Geo. F. Thurston,	} Auditors,
Franklin C. Payson,	
	Maine Missionary Society.

# POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTER

The figures refer to the page where their Ecclesiastical connection is more particularly

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Adams, Jonathan E.....	Bangor.....	96	Gould, Samuel L.....	Bethel.....	
Adrianse, S. Winchester, Deering, W'd'd's Cor.	47		Greene, Daniel.....	Machias.....	
Andrews, Charles E.....	New Castle.....	52			
Arnold, Henry T.....	Wells.....	80			
Bacon, Edward E.....	Sacarappa.....	47	Hague, Wm. B.....	So. Bridgton.....	
Baker, John W. H.....	Farmington Falls.....	96	Harding, Henry F.....	Hallowell.....	
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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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**JUNE 20, 21, AND 22, 1882.**

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OF THE  
General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

*Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting, with the Church in Houlton, June 19, 1883.*

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Rev. J. EVARTS POND, .....	Assistant Cor. Sec'y, .....	Warren.
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Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, .....	Auditor, .....	Bangor.
Rev. BENJAMIN P. SNOW, .....	Committee Sabbath Schools, .....	Houlton.
Rev. BENJAMIN B. MERRILL, ....	Chairman Com. Nominations, ...	Searsport.

**Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.**

*Seventy-sixth Anniversary, June 20, 1883.*

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*Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting, June 19, 1883.*

Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D., ....	President, .....	Ellsworth.
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Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS, ....	Secretary, .....	Union.
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**Officers Maine Branch American College and Education Society.**

*Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting, June 20, 1883.*

Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, D. D., .....	President, .....	Bangor.
Rev. WILLIAM P. FISHER, .....	Vice-President, .....	Brunswick.
Rev. S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE, ..	Secretary, .....	Woodford's.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN, .....	Treasurer, .....	Brunswick.
Dr. ALFRED M. MITCHELL, .....	Auditor, .....	Brunswick.

**Woman's Board of Missions—Maine Branch.**

*Tenth Anniversary, June 20, 1883.*

**Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.**

*Third Anniversary, June 20, 1883.*

**Woman's Aid to American Missionary Association.**

*Third Anniversary, June 21, 1883.*

# MINUTES OF 1882.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Central Church, Bangor, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 20, at 9 o'clock.

The MODERATOR, William E. Gould, Esq., of Portland, not being present, the Recording Secretary called to order and to the choice of a Moderator.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, was nominated and chosen Moderator *pro tem*.

United in singing Hymn 225 :—Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book,  
“Up to the hills I lift mine eyes.” (Uxbridge.)

The congregation was led in the singing by Mr. J. H. Haynes, with piano-forte accompaniment, Mrs. Jewell presiding.

The Moderator read Psalm 27, and part of Acts 2, and led in prayer.

Rev. Daniel Greene, Machias; Rev. William F. Obear, Winthrop; and Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, were appointed a committee to receive the credentials of members.

The Moderator read the Constitution and Rules of Conference.

## DELEGATES.

### LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

#### AROOSTOOK.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton.	George W. Stearns, Patten.
Rev. Isaac C. Bumpus, Sherman.	Dea. C. F. A. Johnson, Presque Isle.

#### CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland.	Dea. Joseph H. Clark, Woodford's.
Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, Deering.	Dea. Brown Thurston, Portland.
Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Portland.	Ansel G. Dewey, Portland.

#### CUMBERLAND NORTH.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, Gray.	Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, Yarmouth.
Rev. Richard Wickett, Pownal.	Thomas Hancock, Gray.

## MINUTES OF THE

## FRANKLIN.

Rev. Caleb L. Rotch, New Sharon.      Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, Farmington.  
 Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, Wilton.      W. H. Chamberlain, Wilton.

## HANCOCK.

Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, Castine.      Prof. Rolliston Woodbury, Castine.  
 Rev. Albert N. Jones, Mt. Desert.      Alfred M. Adams, Castine.

## KENNEBEC.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, Litchfield.      Hon. Joshua Nye, Augusta.  
 Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville.      Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, Monmouth.

## LINCOLN AND SAGadahoc.

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, Union.      Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, Boothbay.  
 Rev. Charles E. Andrews, New Castle.

## OXFORD.

Rev. David Garland, Bethel.      Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel.

## PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor.      Dea. William P. Hubbard, Bangor.  
 Rev. Charles D. Crane, Hampden.      Augustus N. Lufkin, East Orrington.

## PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, Garland.      Jacob Blanchard, Blanchard.  
 Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, Foxcroft.      Samuel H. Merrill, 2d, Brownville.

## SOMERSET.

Rev. Robert M. Peacock, Solon.      Augustus R. Bixby, Skowhegan.  
 Rev. William S. Sewall, St. Albans.

## UNION.

Rev. William B. Hague, South Bridgton. Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.  
 Rev. Zenas Crowell, Hiram.

## WALDO.

Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, Searsport.      Rev. Wellington R. Cross, Camden.

## WASHINGTON.

Rev. Daniel Greene, Machias.      Dea. Lyman K. Gardner, Dennysville.  
 Rev. Charles G. McCully, Calais.      Dea. George A. Peabody, Eastport.

## YORK.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, Kennebunkport. Dea. John F. Stearns, Saco.  
 Rev. David S. Hibbard, Elliot.      Dea. Daniel Blanding, Saco.  
 Rev. George Lewis, South Berwick.      Joseph T. Nason, Kennebunk.

## EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, and Dea. William S. Dennett, Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Merrill Blanchard, Winterport; Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel; Wellington R. Cross, Camden; Charles A. Dickinson, Portland; William H. Fenn, Portland; George W. Field, Bangor; William P. Fisher, Brunswick; Arthur G. Fitz, Wilton; Daniel Greene, Machias; Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth; George Lewis, South Berwick; Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; Charles G. McCully, Calais; Benjamin B. Merrill, Searsport; Flavius V. Norcross, Union; William F. Obeir, Winthrop; Levi L. Paine, D. D., Bangor; Charles H. Pope, Thomaston; John A. Ross, Belfast; John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor; Ezra N. Smith, Waterville; Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton; Lewis J. Thomas, Castine; Joseph Torrey, D. D., Yarmouth; Charles Whittier, Dennyville; Richard Wickett, Pownal; Messrs. John L. Crosby, Bangor; J. Milton Daggett, Bangor; Ansel G. Dewey, Portland; Elnathan F. Duren, Bangor; William P. Hubbard, Bangor; Prentiss Loring, Portland; Joseph P. Thwing, Farmington; John H. True, Portland; Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Roliston Woodbury, Castine.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. George W. Field, Central Church, Bangor.

PREACHER.—Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston.

DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENTS.—Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, to Congregational Union of England and Wales, by letter, and through Rev. George F. Magoun, D. D., October, 1881.

Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, to the Maine Methodist Conference, Augusta, April 26, 1882.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Brunswick, to the East Maine Methodist Conference, in Belfast, May 3, 1882.

Rev. Peter P. Thayer, of Garland, by letter to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. Professors Levi L. Paine, D. D., John S. Sewall, D. D., Charles J. H. Ropes, and Francis B. Denio.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.—Professors Alpheus Packard, D. D., and Gabriel Campbell, A. M.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL, AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.—Rev. Almon W. Burr, A. M., Principal; Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary; Hon. Joshua Nye, Treasurer; Rev. Amos Redlon, Financial Agent.

#### BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, of Boston, Editor of the *Missionary Herald*; Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., of the Chinese Mission, Peking, North China.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, of Boston.—*American Missionary Association.*

Rev. Samuel W. Hanks, of Boston.—*American Seaman's Friend Society.*

## MINUTES OF THE

### DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. Theodore Gerrish, of Bangor, Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Levi L. Hanscom, of Orono, East Maine Conference of the Methodist E. Church.

Rev. Richard L. Howard, of Bangor, Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. William F. Obear, of Kennebec Conference; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Oxford Conference; Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Franklin Conference; and Dea. John H. True, of Cumberland Conference, were appointed a Committee to receive the votes for officers of the Conference, and the following were declared elected for the term of three years:

Rev. FRANK E. CLARK, of Portland, *Moderator*.

Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, of Gorham, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN of Bangor, *Recording Secretary*.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Treasurer*; and Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, *Auditor*, were chosen for one year.

On the election of the Moderator, he assumed the duties of the Chair, with fitting remarks, and at his request, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Hancock Conference, led in prayer for the divine guidance and blessing.

### VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference, and Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Franklin Conference, were appointed to take the place of two whose term of office expires.

### GREETINGS TO MASSACHUSETTS AND CONNECTICUT.

It was announced that the General Conference of Massachusetts, was holding its session in Fitchburg, and the General Association of Connecticut, in Middletown, simultaneously with ours, and it was

*Voted*, That a message of greeting be sent to them, signed by the Moderator and Secretary.

To Massachusetts was sent Romans 15: 5, 6, 13. To Connecticut. Titus 3: 15; Hebrews 10: 19,—25.

### CO-OPERATION IN MISSION WORK.

Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, made a report in regard to co-operation in mission work in Maine, which was referred to a committee last year. Nothing had been perfected.

### DIVORCE.

Rev. G. S. Dickerman, reported in regard to the subject of Divorce. The Legislature not being in session this year, has delayed what it was proposed to do. It was recommitted to the same committee, to report next year, Revs. G. S. Dickerman, L. L. Paine, and W. H. Fenn.

## CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

On motion of Hon. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, it was proposed to amend Article IV, of the Constitution, in reference to the Moderator, by adding to it the words, "and that hereafter he shall be elected at the session of the Conference next preceding the one at which he is to preside."

The subject was referred to Professor L. L. Paine, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, and Rev. G. S. Dickerman, to report at the next Conference.

The Reports of Delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies were called for. Referred to at a subsequent session.

Rev. G. W. Field, of Bangor, made a statement in reference to aid in erecting a house of worship in Milford. He also recommended the distribution of printed matter where it would accomplish good; especially that religious papers, instead of being destroyed, should be forwarded to the State Prison, at Thomaston. Rev. Dr. Mason added his testimony to the value of such a means of doing good, and knew that the teacher at the prison who acts as Chaplain, has great need of religious newspapers and books. Conference commended both objects.

On motion of Rev. G. S. Dickerman, the order of service, presented in the programme of the Committee of Arrangements was accepted by the Conference.

A recess of five minutes was devoted to pleasant social intercourse.

## CONFERENCE SERMON.

United in singing Hymn 1017 :—

"I love thy kingdom."

(*Boylston.*)

The 72nd Psalm was read by Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, who also led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 379 :—

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

(*Coronation.*)

Sermon by Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston. Text.—Isaiah 62: 10. "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

The call to enter the gates of Zion; to become its citizens, to yield allegiance to its King, to learn his will, to open the way for the nations to enter and enjoy its privileges, to remove the obstructions, to lift up the standard of the cross.

Sung Hymn 1038 :—

"We mark her goodly battlements."

(*Mear.*)

A Report was made by Rev. G. W. Field, for the Committee of Arrangements. Adjourned, after Benediction by the Preacher.

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Two o'clock P. M.

United in singing Hymn 989 :—

“ Nearer my God to thee.” (*Bethany.*)

The Moderator read Hebrews 11 : 32—40, and led in prayer.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the State of the Churches for the year past. The Report was accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

United in prayer with the Rev. Professor L. L. Paine.

The Duett—

“ The Lord my pasture shall prepare,” (*Donizetti.*)

was sung by Miss Cook and Mr. J. H. Haynes, of the Choir.

#### THE PRESENT SPECIAL DANGERS TO THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Portland, in his remarks on this topic, mentioned : 1—A failure to grasp the great idea of the Gospel ; 2—A tendency to unbelief ; 3—Worldliness ; 4—Lack of a sense of personal obligation.

Sung Hymn 880 :—

“ Awake my soul, stretch every nerve.” (*Arlington.*)

#### THE DORMANT POWER OF THE CHURCH.

This topic was presented by Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth. He referred to the proofs of this in several particulars, and how it could be aroused through the efforts of the pastor and others, in encouraging and helping the timid and sluggish—and by the faithful presentation of the vital truths of the Gospel.

Sung Hymn 1076, v. 1, 2, 3 :—

“ Glory to the Holy Ghost.” (*Nuremberg.*)

#### THE CHRISTIAN NURTURE OF THE YOUNG BY THE CHURCH.— SPECIAL METHODS.

The third topic of the session, was introduced by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland.

During his address, Rev. B. P. Snow, of Houlton, was called to the Chair by the Moderator.



Mr. Clark presented the encouraging motives to Christian training of the young—and especially to the Society of Christian Endeavor, recently organized in several of the churches, as a means of aiding this work.

Remarks touching the Report of the Corresponding Secretary, and the topics presented, were made by Rev. C. H. Gates, Professor L. L. Paine, Rev. B. P. Snow, and others.

On motion, *Voted*, To provide a committee to whom shall be referred the report of the State of the Churches, who shall present such topics as may be suggested by the report, for special discussion.

The committee subsequently appointed were :

Rev. Professor L. L. Paine, of Bangor; Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias; Dea. Joseph B. Thwing, of Farmington.

The matter of holding a session of the General Conference in Aroostook County, at Houlton, introduced by Rev. B. P. Snow, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

After calling the roll,—adjourned.

## MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

*Incorporated February 25, 1829.*

### FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening—7 1-2 o'clock.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Organ Voluntary, by Mrs. H. L. Jewell.

The Choir, comprising Miss Laura M. Cook, and Mrs. Wm. H. Gardner, Messrs. James H. Haynes, and George S. Farrington—sung  
*"Venite, Exultemus Domino,"—* (By Thomas.)

Dr. Tenney read 1 Corinthians, ch. 13.

Prayer,—Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg. Response by the Choir,—The Lord's Prayer.

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, Secretary, presented his Report. Accepted.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, Treasurer, read his Report. Accepted.

## MINUTES OF THE

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1881.....	\$306 52
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Portland, 1881.....	115 29
(1) From seventeen Churches .....	325 42
(2) From thirteen individuals .....	81 00
Income on investments.....	78 00
Legacy, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Patten, Bath.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$1166 23

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid to seventeen families.....	\$395 00
Expenses, discount and taxes.....	25 77
Balance in Treasury, to new account .....	745 46
	<hr/> \$1166 23
(1) Bangor, First Ch. \$14 70 Castine,	\$5 00 Portland High St. \$20 00
Bangor, Ham'd St. 20 00 Falmouth, 1st.	2 00 Portland State St. 50 00
Boothbay, 2d, 7 80 Farmington,	17 17 Rockland, 15 00
Brownville, 20 00 Fryeburg,	5 00 Searsport First Ch. 20 50
Brunswick, 60 00 New Castle, 2d,	13 50 Winslow, 5 50
Calais, 38 50 Portland, 2d,	10 75
	Total.....\$325 42
(2) Albion, 5 00 Brunswick,	5 00 Norridgewock, 5 00
Boothbay, 2d, 15 00 Castine,	22 00 Portland, 17 00
Bridgton, 5 00 Chicago, Ill.,	2 00 Wells, 5 00
	Total.....\$81 00

Dr. Tenney made a brief appeal in aid of the Society, and the annual contribution was taken. Amount, \$68.82.

The Choir chanted a Hymn.

The following officers were re-elected.

## OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D., ....	<i>President</i> , .....	Ellsworth.
Rev. JAVAN K. MASON, D. D., ....	<i>Vice-President</i> , .....	Fryeburg.
Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS, ....	<i>Secretary</i> , .....	Union.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, ....	<i>Treasurer</i> , .....	Bangor.
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT, ....	<i>Auditor</i> , .....	Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*, Rev. Messrs. J. K. Mason Chas. L. Nichols, Wm. P. Fisher, Dea. James P. Thwing, Hon. Nelson Ding ley, Jr., Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, *Trustees*.

Conference resumed its session.

The Choir and congregation sung Hymn 63 :—

“ Father of love and power,  
Guard thou our evening hour.” *(Italian Hymn.)*

THE BEST METHODS OF DEALING WITH THE PREVALENT  
SCEPTICISM.

The remainder of the evening was occupied with an address on this subject, by Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland. The causes and the remedies. Among the latter he mentioned,—dealing with the individual,—show him the inconsistencies of unbelief, and that there is more in religion than he understands; indirectly oppose scepticism by pre-occupying the ground; train children in the nature and reasons of our faith; common school education should take in religion and morality; the influence of a warm, living, loving church, creating an atmosphere around it, in which infidelity cannot live.

Benediction by Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

Adjourned.

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**Second Day.—Wednesday, June 21.**

6 A. M. Prayer-meeting led by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown. Scripture read, Ephesians, 6th chapter. Prayer by Mr. Freeman, and remarks on putting on the whole armor of God. Remarks and prayer followed by Revs. J. T. Hawes, F. E. Shaw, C. D. Crane, C. H. Gates, F. E. Clark, S. Bowker, D. Garland, C. H. Pope, Dea. J. H. Clark, Dr. J. K. Lincoln, Dea. John H. True, and others. A verse or two of the following hymns were among those sung during the hour:—

“What hast thou done for me;” “Come Holy Spirit;” “My faith looks up to thee;” “Nearer my God to thee;” “What a friend we have in Jesus;” “There is a land;” “I love to tell the story.”

8.30 A. M. A half-hour was occupied with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland.

United in singing,—

“Come, thou fount of every blessing;” and “Lord in the morning thou shalt hear.”

Mr. Thayer read Psalm 122; and prayer and remarks followed by him, Rev. Gowen C. Wilson, of Windsor, Conn., Revs. J. T. Hawes, F. E. Shaw, and D. Garland. The voice of song was heard, closing with the Doxology:—

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Organized in 1807.*

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock A. M. In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Bath, now in Europe, Hon. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, the Vice-President, called to order.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. B. Thayer, one of the Trustees.

United in singing Hymn 448 :—

“O ’t was a joyful sound to hear.”

(*Mear.*)

Mr. Thayer read Matthew 13th chapter, and offered prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais. Previous to which was sung Hymn 1017 :—

“I love thy kingdom, Lord.”

(*Boylston.*)

Text of Sermon,—Ps. 104 : 10, “He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.”

After referring to the far-reaching benefits of quiet springs of water, the preacher gave as his subject : “The indebtedness of the strong to the weak ; or the value of the home missionary churches as springs of christian influence.”

The sermon is published in Ch. Mir., July 8.

Sung Hymn 857 :—

“Blest be the tie.”

(*Shawmut.*)

The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, the remarks following, and the business transacted, may be found in another part of this pamphlet.

On presentation of needed aid to repair and improve the church edifice in Presque Isle, the sum of \$200 was raised during the session of the morning.

Sung Hymn 1017, v. 2, 3 :—

“I love thy church, O God,”

(*Olmutz.*)

## MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOC.

*Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.*

## SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

2 P. M. Rev. Alpheus Packard, D. D., of Brunswick, in the Chair.

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read by Rev. F. E. Clark, and accepted.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, June, 1881 .....	\$ 2 68	
Collection at annual meeting at Portland.....	53 41	
(1) Contributions from ten churches.....	279 40	
(2) Three individuals .....	20 00	
Bank dividends .....	40 00	
Parent Society .....	175 00	
Legacy of the late Charles Clapp, Esq., of Bath .....	1000 00	
		<u>\$1570 49</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society, by Treasurer.....	\$395 49	
Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College.....	175 00	
On hand, (Clapp legacy).....	1000 00	
		<u>\$1570 49</u>
(1) Augusta, \$18 00	Bangor, Central, \$50 00	Farmington, \$10 17
Bangor, 1st, 6 17	Bangor, Cent'l S. S. 15 00	Portland, High St. 18 00
Bangor, Ham'd	Bath, Winter St., 30 00	Portland, 2d, 4 55
Street Church, 30 31	Brunswick, 22 20	Portland, State St. 75 00
		<u>Total.....\$279 40</u>
(2) Brunswick, \$5 00	Castine, \$10 00	Winthrop, \$5 00
		<u>= \$20 00</u>

In addition to the above, the Treasurer of the Parent Society, acknowledges in the Report for 1882, p. 54, the following sums from churches as received by him:

Auburn, \$25 00	Portland, 2d, \$35 00	Thomaston, \$5 00
Gorham, 22 79	Refunded, 25 00	Wilton, 2 10
New Castle, 2d, 10 00		
		<u>—\$124 80</u>

Legacy of the late Charles Clapp, of Bath, \$1000.

Total amount for the year from all sources, \$2695 38.

Thirty in Bangor Theological Seminary have received aid the past year from this Society; and four in Bowdoin College.

Examining Committee on applications in the College:—Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., Prof. Charles H. Smith, Prof. Henry L. Chapman.

In the Seminary,—Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D., Rev. D. S. Talcott, D. D., Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.

The Report of the Secretary, Rev. F. E. Clark, of Portland, may be found in the Appendix.

The Trustees of the Society were empowered to invest the legacy of Charles Clapp.

The following officers were elected :

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE  
AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, D. D. . . . . *President*. . . . . Bangor.  
Rev. WILLIAM P. FISHER, . . . . . *Vice-President*. . . . . Brunswick.  
Rev. S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE. . . . . *Secretary*. . . . . Woodford's.  
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN, . . . . . *Treasurer*. . . . . Brunswick.  
Dr. ALFRED MITCHELL. . . . . *Auditor*. . . . . Brunswick.

DIRECTORS :—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis*; Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, D. D., of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Annual collection, \$9 82. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

United in singing Hymn 882 :—

“Firm as the earth thy Gospel stands.” (St. Martins.)

The Moderator read Eph. 3 : 13—21.

Prayer, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Kennebec Conference.

THE DISASTER IN IOWA.

The following dispatch was received by telegraph from Dr. Magoun, President of Iowa College :

“Grinnell, Iowa, June 20, 1882.

Will Maine Congregationalists help one of her sons rebuild Iowa College, crushed by the tornado? Both buildings annihilated, with libraries, museum, apparatus, furniture,—all; only a chapel bell and a few books left.

GEO. F. MAGOUN.”

At a subsequent session, on motion of Professor John S. Sewall, it was

*Voted*, That this Conference extends its sympathy, and cordial response to Dr. Magoun, and that some plan be adopted to secure material aid, in view of the calamity which has befallen Iowa College, in the destruction of their buildings and property.

Professor Sewall, Rev. R. Wickett, of Pownal, Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union, Ansel G. Dewey, Esq., of Portland, and Rev. G. Lewis, of South Berwick, were appointed a committee to whom was referred the subject.

They subsequently reported, that a circular be issued, as soon as the facts in the case are ascertained, requesting the pastors of the State to ask a contribution towards rebuilding. The report was adopted. Communications may be sent to Professor John S. Sewall, Bangor.

#### REPORT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Professor John S. Sewall, who was appointed delegate to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, reported that he had secured a substitute in President G. F. Magoun, D. D., of Iowa College, a son of Maine, and in sympathy with the churches and interests of the State, who was intending to be present, and who had fulfilled the appointment, and sent the report of his reception, which he read,—and for the service, thanks were proffered.

In concluding his communication, Dr. Magoun says: “My appointment to represent in England the State where my home and work have long been, and also the National Council of Congregational Churches, gave me pleasure no greater, and in some measure less perceptibly felt than the request from the committee of your Conference, that I should be the delegate also of the beloved churches of my own dear and honored native State.”

Rev. W. P. Fisher, of Brunswick, reported the fulfilment of his appointment as delegate to the Maine Methodist Conference, at Brunswick.

Rev. J. A. Ross, of Belfast, as delegate to the East Maine Conference, at Belfast.

Each of them was cordially received, and returned their Christian salutations.

Rev. E. N. Smith, of Waterville, reported that Rev. C. A. White, of Hallowell, fulfilled his appointment as delegate to the Maine Baptist Convention, at Skowhegan.

Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, reported that he wrote a letter to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

#### SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

A communication was received from Rev. Charles M. Blake, of San Francisco, in behalf of the Congregational Association of California, sending fraternal greetings.

Rev. L. L. Hanscom, of Orono, delegate from the East Maine Methodist Conference, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

The Christian greetings of the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting, were given by Rev. Richard L. Howard, of Bangor; and of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Church, by Rev. Theodore Gerrish.

To each of whom the Moderator fitly replied.

United in prayer with Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, and in singing a hymn of christian fellowship.

By telegraph the following responses were received :

“ Fitchburg, June 21, 1882.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, to the General Conference of Maine :

Your greeting heartily returned. See Ephesians 1 : 2, 3 ; and Eph. 3 : 17—19.

ALONZO H. QUINT, *Moderator*.

MARSHALL M. CUTTER, *Secretary*.”

“ Middletown, June 21, 1882.

The General Association of Connecticut, to the General Conference of Maine :

Greeting. We heartily reciprocate, and thank you for your Christian salutations. Numbers 6 : 24, 25, 26. Ephesians 6 : 23, 24.”

On motion of Professor J. S. Sewall—

*Voted*, To send a Delegate to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

#### HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

The condition and prospects of this institution was well presented by the Principal, Rev. Almon W. Burr.

Professor L. L. Paine added earnest remarks as to the excellence of this preparatory school.

#### BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

This institution was represented by its venerable Professor, Rev. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., who has seen sixty-three classes leaving its walls, during his connection with it. He referred to the work which it had accomplished, and the distinguished men it had sent forth ; of its advantages, the fidelity of its Professors, and of its ability to accomplish much in the future.

#### BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. B. P. Snow, of Houlton, in behalf of the Visiting Committee of General Conference, made report of their attendance at the last anniversary of the Seminary, expressing their great satisfaction in the examination of its various departments. It paid a fitting tribute to Dr. Pond, and to the vigor and energy and fidelity of its present Faculty. See the Report in the Appendix.



Mr. John L. Crosby, of Bangor, emphasized the statements of the report, and enforced the advantages and value of the Seminary.

Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Deering, a grand-son of Rev. Alvan Bond, D. D., of Norwich, Conn., now near the end of his earthly life, formerly associated with Dr. Pond as Professor in Bangor Seminary, presented a message from Dr. Bond, expressive of his interest in the Seminary, and in the Conference.

The Conference expressed their gratification in the reception of the same, and desired that Mr. Adriance would convey to Dr. Bond at once our estimate of it, and our sincere regard and respect for him.

#### IN MEMORIAM OF DR. POND.

Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., of New Haven, Conn., had expected to present a tribute to the memory of Dr. Pond, but ill health prevented his attendance at this session of the Conference, and he had forwarded it to Professor Sewall, and most of it was read by him. It was a fitting tribute to the life, and character, and work of Dr. Pond.

Flowers had been appropriately selected and arranged for this service, by the ladies, and a beautiful bouquet was presented by William F. Shepard, M. D., of Bangor, in behalf of the children, in memory of their father, Rev. George Shepard, D. D., so long and pleasantly associated with Dr. Pond as Professor in the Seminary, to which Professor Sewall fittingly alluded.

United in rising and singing Hymn 1207, v. 1, 6 :—

“ Servant of God well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;

The battle fought, the victory won.

Enter thy Master's joy.”

“ Soldier of Christ, well done!

Praise be thy new employ,

And while eternal ages run,

Rest in thy Saviour's joy.”

(Sherman.)

On motion of Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor,

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., for his appropriate and most excellent memorial address on Dr. Pond; and that a copy of the same be requested for publication.

On motion of Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, seconded by Professor Sewall, of Bangor,

*Voted*, That it be published with the Minutes.

Benediction by the Moderator. Adjourned.

After the adjournment of Conference, the members and others in attendance, wended their way to the Seminary, by invitation of the Trustees and the Professors, where they spent more than an hour in visiting the beautiful grounds, the Chapel, Library, and buildings. Grateful refreshments were furnished by them, which were arranged and dispensed by the ladies. The occasion was one of much interest and enjoyment.

7.30 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

Organ Voluntary, by Mrs. Jewell. Anthem by the Choir.

The Moderator read the 146th Psalm.

Prayer—Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Franklin Conference.

Choirs and congregation sung Hymn 1023:—

“Glorious things of thee are spoken.”

(*Orio.*)

#### THE SCEPTICISM OF THE DAY.

Rev. Professor Gabriel Campbell, of Bowdoin College, delivered an address on this topic,—showing as the most efficacious method of meeting and defeating scepticism, the unfolding of the better and more elevating truths of the Gospel, and the cherishing and manifestation of them in the life.

The Choir sung, aided by a chorus of twenty selected voices from other choirs:—

The Te Deum, No. 7,—by *Buck*.

#### YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

With fitting words, the Moderator referred to the good accomplished by the Young Men's Christian Associations, expressing the sympathy of the Conference in all efforts that tend to advance the Kingdom of our Lord, and introduced the President of the Bangor Association, Mr. G. W. E. Barrows, who presided during the remainder of the evening.

Mr. Barrows very gracefully introduced Rev. Reuben Thomas, of Brookline, Mass., who, in persuasive and eloquent words, held the undivided attention of the vast audience, to the topic he had selected as his theme: “Christian culture,” so needful to the best interests of religion.

He presented: 1—The end of christian culture to secure christian character. There must be clear vision, and sympathies. Zeal too often characterizes false religion; sympathy—the true. 2—The means to obtain this end: earnest persevering efforts, and lofty ideals.

Benediction by Rev. Edward G. Porter, of Lexington, Mass.

Conference adjourned.

**Third Day.—Thursday, June 22.**

6 o'clock A. M. Prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. Fred E. Shaw, of Washington Conference, who read the 121st Psalm.

Prayers:—Revs. F. E. Shaw, C. L. Nichols, F. V. Norcross, H. S. Loring, J. T. Hawes, C. H. Pope, P. B. Thayer, Dr. Lincoln, and others.

Remarks,—by the Leader, Revs. J. Torrey, C. H. Gates, C. H. Pope, E. Bean, F. V. Norcross, S. Bowker, J. T. Hawes, C. L. Nichols, Dea. John H. True, of Portland, Dea. M. J. Metcalf, of Monmouth, and others.

Service of song,—“Nearer my God to thee;” “Precious promise;” “God is near thee;” “I have a Saviour;” “Other refuge have I none;” “I need thee every hour;” “Come thou fount of every blessing;” “The consecrated cross;” “Come, Holy Spirit.”

8.30 A. M. Devotional exercises, led by Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference, who read the 12th Chapter of Romans, followed by appropriate remarks.

United in singing Hymn 859:—

“How sweet how heavenly is the sight,” (Maitland.)

and a verse or two of other Hymns, and in Prayer with Professor J. S. Sewall, Revs. H. S. Loring, and F. V. Norcross.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

The Necrology, by the Recording Secretary, was read.

Four hundred and forty members of our churches are reported as having closed their labors on earth, during the year, including ten of the ministry—one of them, Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, supplying the church in Presque Isle—the others former pastors or ministers.

Brief mention was made of the ministry, and of some of the laity, whose faces we have seen, whose voices we have heard, and whose fellowship we have enjoyed in our annual gatherings. The record of whom may be found on subsequent pages.

Reference was made to some of them by Revs. A. Loring, J. K. Mason, and J. T. Hawes.

United in rising and singing Hymn 1211, v. 1, 4:—

“With us their names shall live

Through long, succeeding years,

Embalmed with all our hearts can give.

Our praises and our tears.”

(Boylston.)

## MINUTES OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor read.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.....	\$74 53	
Collection at annual meeting in Portland.....	31 10	
(1) From County Conferences for 1880 .....	47 00	
(2) From County Conferences for 1881 .....	547 72	
For addresses.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$7:

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid National Council, balance, 1880.....	\$67 47	
National Council, towards 1881,.....	260 00	
John H. Bacon, Bangor, for Minutes, etc., 1881 .....	261 50	
Postage, freight, and expenses, Pub. Com., 1881 .....	126 39	
Corresponding Secretary, expenses.....	2 10	
Sabbath School Committee.....	2 68	
Balance on hand to new account.....	5 21	
	<hr/>	\$7:
(1) Union,                   \$2 00 York,                   \$45 00                   Total.....		\$
(2) Aroostook,           10 00 Lincoln and Sag.,   55 00 Union,                   :		
Cumberland,           101 82 Oxford,           10 70 Waldo,                   :		
Cumberland North,   40 00 Penobscot,           65 00 Washington,                   :		
Hancock,               9 40 Piscataquis,           25 00 York,                   :		
Kennebec,              45 00 Somerset,           22 00                   Total.....		\$5

The Report was accepted.

Reported as received after the account was made up,—Franklin, Oxford, \$7 ; Washington, \$28.91.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Aroostook Conference, in behalf of Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted as follows :

### COMMITTEES.

#### PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor.      Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor.  
Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham.

#### ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren.

#### SECRETARY FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Benjamin P. Snow, (*ex-off.*) . . . Houlton . . . . . Aroostook Conference.  
 Asa Loring . . . . . Portland . . . . . Cumberland.  
 Albert W. Moore . . . . . Farmington . . . . . Franklin.  
 Rolliston Woodbury . . . . . Castine . . . . . Hancock.  
 Charles H. Pope . . . . . Thomaston . . . . . Lincoln and Sagadahoc.  
 John Daggett . . . . . Bangor . . . . . Penobscot.

TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Edward P. Eastman, . . . . . Fort Fairfield . . . . . Aroostook Conference.  
 David M. Seward, D. D. . . . . Portland . . . . . Cumberland.  
 William P. Fisher . . . . . Brunswick . . . . . Cumberland North.  
 Albert W. Moore . . . . . Farmington . . . . . Franklin.  
 Charles W. Huntington . . . . . Ellsworth . . . . . Hancock.  
 Charles A. White . . . . . Hallowell . . . . . Kenebec.  
 Henry O. Thayer . . . . . Woolwich . . . . . Lincoln and Sagadahoc.  
 Edmond C. Ingalls . . . . . South Paris . . . . . Oxford.  
 Jacob Temple . . . . . Hampden . . . . . Penobscot.  
 Marius A. Morehouse . . . . . Foxcroft . . . . . Piscataquis.  
 Thomas G. Mitchell . . . . . Madison . . . . . Somerset.  
 James Crowell . . . . . Hiram . . . . . Union.  
 John A. Ross . . . . . Belfast . . . . . Waldo.  
 Charles G. McCully . . . . . Calais . . . . . Washington.  
 Alpha Morton . . . . . Wells . . . . . York.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

*ference Appointed as Visitors*,—Rev. William R. Richards, Bath; Rev.  
 Asa D. Kelsey, New Gloucester; Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Portland;  
 Asa Rolliston Woodbury, Castine; Rev. Henry E. Mott, Augusta.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

George S. Dickerman, Lewiston; Rev. Wellington R. Cross, Camden;  
 Henry S. Huntington, Gorham.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

*ues to attend in person, or send a written communication*.—RULE 13.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

William H. Fenn, of Portland,—or Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

July 8, 1882, in Sheffield, N. B.

*Primary.*

Charles G. McCully, Calais.

*Substitute.*

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1883, in Lewiston.

Joseph Torrey, D. D., Yarmouth. Rev. Edw. S. Tead, Cumberland Mills.

## MINUTES OF THE

## EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.

May, 1883, in Searsport.

Rev. Charles D. Crane, Hampden.

Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, Searsport.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Sept. 26—28, 1882, in Houlton.

Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn.

Rev. John G. Wilson, Portland.

## MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Oct., 1882, in Waterville.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville.

Rev. Chas. J. H. Ropes, Bangor.

## YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

Portland, 1882.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland.

By vote of Conference, [Minutes, 1872, p. 9.] the sending of Delegates to State Conferences, is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

## NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (19) 1883, at nine o'clock A. M., with the church in Houlton.

## PREACHER.

*Primary.*

Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Bangor.

*Alternate.*

Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor.

## COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Almon H. Fogg, and Lewis Johnson, of Houlton.

## CO-OPERATING COMMITTEE.

Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland; Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor; and the Moderator.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Waldo Conference.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Aroostook Conference.

Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of North Cumberland Conference.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference.

Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Franklin Conference.

## TREASURER.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

## AUDITOR.

Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor.

The final calling and perfecting of the Roll, was attended to.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

On motion of Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, the following resolution was adopted :

In view of the careless neglect and the systematic desecration of the Sabbath, which so abound, and the duty of christians, singly and organized, to guard our Lord's honor in this signal point. therefore,

*Resolved.* That a Committee of three be appointed to confer and co-operate with similar Committees of other denominations, with reference to the better observance and protection of the Lord's Day.

## COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston; Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais; and Dea. John H. True, of Portland.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. C. H. Pope, of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, stated that Rev. B. P. Snow, the Secretary, would make a report.

He very conclusively set forth the important work of the Sunday School, and the need of more efficient and constant labor in this direction. See Appendix.

Remarks followed by Professor Sewall, Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Deering; and Rev. C. L. Woodworth, of Boston.

On motion of Professor Sewall, it was

*Voted.* To add to the Committees of Conference a Committee on Sabbath Schools, to consist of six members, of which the Sabbath School Secretary shall be *ex-officio* one, to hold office for the term of three years; one-third of which Committee shall go out of office each term of one year. Said Committee to gather statistics of our denominational Sabbath Schools, devise methods of advancing the work, and report at each annual meeting.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, editor of the Missionary Herald, Boston, presented forcibly the claims of this cause. If the Congregational churches would use the means at their control, the whole world might be evangelized. A contribution of five cents a day would support an army of five thousand missionaries, who by preaching ten years, could reach the ears of the whole world.

United in prayer with the Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., of the Chinese Mission, Peking, North China.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, of Boston, District Secretary of this Society, presented its claims, in prosecuting their work among the freed-men, the Indians and the Chinese.

United in prayer with Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Boothbay.

Sung Hymn 1105 :—

“Hasten, O Lord, that happy time.” (Old Hundred)

#### AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Rev. Samuel W. Hanks, of Boston, District Secretary of the Society, spread before us the work this Society is doing by Chaplains, Librarians, and in other ways, for benefiting the millions of our Seamen.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Resolutions on this subject were introduced, and after discussion participated in by Professor L. L. Paine, Revs. L. Reynolds, of Auburn; C. D. Crane, of Hampden; B. P. Snow, of Houlton; J. Smith, Bangor; Hon. J. Nye, of Augusta; Hon. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, and others, were referred to Revs. C. D. Crane, and B. P. Snow, that they might express the views of this Conference on the subject.

At a subsequent session, the following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Conference desires to place on record the renewed assurance of its unqualified faith in the soundness of prohibition; its thank acknowledgment of the great and salutary change it has wrought in our State and the belief, which we express with the full force of our conviction, that it is destined to complete success.

*Resolved*, That we shall not cease to move heaven by our prayers, and public sentiment by our persuasions and acts, till the end aimed at in prohibitory measures be fully secured.

*Resolved*, That we recommend that on the coming Sabbath, special prayer be offered for Iowa, that in the election to be held in that State on Tuesday, 27th inst., the cause of temperance and truth may prevail.

The session closed with the Benediction by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., Portland.

Adjourned.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

2.30 P. M. United in singing Hymn 732 :—

“My faith looks up to thee.” (Olivet)

Remarks by Rev. G. Campbell, of Bowdoin College, Brunswick. Rev. Edward G. Porter, of Lexington, Mass., offered prayer at the breaking of the bread; and Rev. Frederick E. Shaw, of Machias, at the pouring of the cup.



Deas. Brown Thurston, of Cumberland Conference; Charles H. B. Woodbury, of Piscataquis Conference; George A. Peabody, of Washington Conference; and Mason J. Metcalf, of Kennebec Conference, distributed the elements.

A collection was taken in aid of the Maine Missionary Society.—Amount \$36.56.

United in singing the Hymn:—

“Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love.”

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

Hon. Joshua Nye, of Augusta, introduced with appropriate remarks the following resolutions:

That the warmest thanks of the members of this Conference are hereby presented to the Pastor and people of the Central Church and Society, and to all others sharing with them, for their unbounded hospitality to us during the session of this Conference; to the Committee of Arrangements for kindness to and care of their guests, and the prompt manner in which their arduous duties have been executed; to the ladies for the beautiful and fragrant flowers, with daily renewals of the same, with which the audience room has been decorated; to the organist and choir, who have inspired us with their charming music; to the ushers, for polite attention; also to the Trustees and Faculty of the Theological Seminary, for their kind invitation extended to us to visit the beautiful grounds and the buildings; for their cordial greetings, and the bountiful collation furnished by them, and so generously and cordially served by the ladies; also to the managers of railroads and steamboats for reduction of fare; and to the press for reporting the proceedings of the Conference. We shall ever cherish all these manifestations of kindness—and may the Lord bless them abundantly with prosperity and all good things.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. George W. Field, the pastor of the Church, in behalf of his people and all who had received their guests, thanked the Conference for this expression of their feeling; but thought *they* were the indebted party. He referred to the satisfaction they had experienced in receiving them, and in the pleasure of their presence, and counsel, and prayers. He regretted that there was not opportunity to welcome them all individually—and referred to the life beyond, where there would be no interruption or end to Christian fellowship.

After the Benediction by Rev. David Garland, of Bethel,

The Conference adjourned.

E. F. DUREN,  
*Recording Secretary.*

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES.

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A bright breezy day brought out a large attendance at the vestry of the First Parish Church, at the annual meetings of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, on Wednesday, June 21, at 2 o'clock, and the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, at 3.30 p. m. The Conference at the same time continuing its session in the Central Church.

## THE WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

### SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. William E. Gould, of Portland, the President, called to order. After a Hymn had been sung, the President read Psalm 122, and a part of John 15.

Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland, led in prayer.

The President then read a paper in reply to various inquiries in regard to the work of the Society, calling attention to several points. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Maine Missionary Society, is intended to be permanent. It is all or nearly all clear gain to the Society. There is no clashing of interests with foreign work. All desired can be accomplished by systematic giving, even in sums so small that all may take part.

It is to be Ruth's gleanings, after the harvest.

Much has been done in making up boxes which is a valuable aid to the Society.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Crosby, was read, showing a total of receipts, \$2,156, of which \$617 were the value of boxes of clothing, etc., sent from Ladies' Societies.

The Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Paine, read her report, detailing the special work in the Conferences—some excelling in one department, some in another,—cheering words from all.

Mrs. Josiah Mayo spoke a few words from Piscataquis Conference.

A letter was read from Rev. Addison Blanchard, former general Missionary in Maine.

The officers for the ensuing year were chosen. See report with the proceedings of the Maine Missionary Society.

#### WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIARY.

##### NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland, President, in the Chair, who read from Peter's Epistle and offered prayer.

Mrs. Fenn welcomed the Society to another annual gathering, saying that Bangor was the home of Mrs. and Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Nina Riggs—from whence Miss Hamlin, and now dear, brave Miss Kimball and Miss Johnson had just gone to their missionary lives, and was therefore sacred ground.

Miss Maria D. Gould, of Portland, Home Secretary, not being present. Mrs. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg, was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The annual business of the election of officers then claimed attention. See Appendix.

A vote of thanks, was passed to Miss M. D. Gould, for her faithful services in the past.

Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland, made a report of home and foreign work of the branch, showing great advance the past year, and good work done in many countries.

The Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Dana, of Portland, read her report. The receipts of the Board were \$3,553.77.

A collection for individual expenses was taken.

Mrs. Abby Sparhawk, of Bangor, read a paper giving a very graphic account of the life of a relative, one of the early missionaries to the Cherokee Indians.

Mrs. Chapin, of North Weymouth, Mass., brought the greetings of the Boston Society. The call was for more young ladies and more consecration to the Lord's work.

Miss Rice, of Persia, was introduced and occupied the remainder of the time in an interesting sketch of the Nestorian people, and the work of Fidelia Fiske, with whom she was associated.

The meeting closed with the Hymn:—

“Blest be the tie.” etc.

All felt inspired to more earnest work in this good cause.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S AID.

## SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

This organization held its annual meeting in the First Parish vestry on Thursday, June 22, at 10 A. M., Miss Mary Smith, of Gorham, presiding.

The exercises opened with the Hymn :—

“Sow in the morn thy seed.”

Scripture passages were read, and Mrs. C. Davison, of Greenville, led in prayer.

The report of the committee on the work of the past year was then submitted and accepted. Funds raised during the year, \$696.17, which has been devoted to the support of our two lady missionaries, Miss Annie E. Farrington, at Wilmington, N. C.; and Miss Mary K. Lunt, at Selma, Ala. Valuable barrels of clothing, etc., had been sent from many places, affording aid most welcome to the teachers.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the same list as last year. Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham, is Treasurer. See Appendix.

Miss Farrington's written report of her work in the past year, was read by Miss Smith.

Miss Lunt was introduced and made an oral report of her work at Selma, Ala. Speaking of schools, calls, industrial instruction, children's meeting, etc.

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The sessions of Conference were well attended; the topics presented of practical interest, instructive and elevating in their purpose;—adapted to the times; inciting to progress in the divine life, and to Christian work. The morning prayer-meetings were seasons of spiritual quickening, and of Christian fellowship. Ample arrangements were made for all guests, and for accommodations at the church. The weather was unexceptionally pleasant and cool, and the city was attractive in its summer adorning.

The gathering on the beautiful grounds of the Theological Seminary, was a pleasant episode of the week. The guests were much pleased with the thoughtful arrangement of the Trustees and Faculty, and for the opportunity to see the Library, Cabinet, Chapel, and the other buildings. The refreshments, in charge of the ladies, were excellent and ample.

The daily papers of Bangor had a full report of the proceedings; also the Lewiston Daily Journal, and the Christian Mirror of June 24, July 1, and 8. The Congregationalist of June 29, had a report; the Advance, of July 6, and other papers.

## Report of the State of the Churches.

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It is a great privilege that by this annual meeting we may express and intensify our Christian unity. Nothing is more profitable to the churches than interest in each other's welfare. As churches, no less than as individuals, we thankfully remember the prayer of our blessed Lord, that his people all may be one. We want to know about each other's work,—its joys and trials, its difficulties and successes. We want to know it not from mere curiosity, but from brotherly sympathy and for instruction. No church, no Christian man or woman, is in sympathy with Christ if he does not feel this profound sympathy with the work of his brethren. Interest in a church at the farthest end of the State is in some respects more unselfish than interest in our own. It makes our prayer more simply and fervently, "*Thy kingdom come.*" Above all, our unity is unity in Christ. The more of the spirit of Christ and the work of Christ there has been in our churches during the year, the more we shall be conscious of delightful Christian fellowship in this annual convocation. May the joyful experiences granted to our fathers be renewed to us during these days. May we go to our homes with the conscious presence of a Saviour as able to meet the demands of our day as of any by-gone time.

Of our fifteen Conferences, AROOSTOOK, the most northern, reports ten churches, of which six have pastors. One pastor, Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Presque Isle, has died in his early prime, in the midst of his plans for increasing usefulness. He is the only man in the active service of the ministry in the State who has been removed by death. Rev. E. P. Eastman has become acting pastor at Fort Fairfield; Rev. Geo. W. Stearns at Patten and Island Falls; and Rev. B. P. Snow, late of Alfred, at Houlton. Twelve members have been added to the churches, and six removed, leaving a gain of six. Benevolent contribu-

tions have increased \$21. Of the three hundred and sixty-five members of the churches, one hundred and twenty-two are non-resident, leaving only two hundred and forty-three actually on the ground. At Patten, union meetings were well attended during the week of prayer, and helped to abate an unwholesome sectarian spirit. A series of temperance meetings has also done good. The renovated church edifice at Presque Isle will soon be completed, and be ample and excellent for its purpose. A chapel is greatly needed in Houlton, but if secured, it must be largely by outside help.

Are we suitably awake to the importance of our Christian work in Aroostook? It is the most promising field in this State for wise, earnest Christian endeavor. Its area, 6,800 square miles, falls only a little short of that of the State of Massachusetts. Its population is 41,700, an increase of about 12,000 since 1870. The most glowing reports have not exaggerated its agricultural resources. Manufactures will soon spring up. In such a region, as at the West, the time to work is now. Delay means irretrievable loss. There is much religious indifference, Sabbath desecration, and intemperance. In a country of such business activity and promise, men are specially tempted to make this world their god. The call, therefore, of Aroostook, upon its Christian men and women is to be positive, earnest, fervent in their determination to take the laud for Christ. And we who dwell in older parts of the State ought to remember them especially in our prayers and gifts. Would that the Lord might inspire some one of his servants, who has the means, to endow a Christian academy there, like our Classical School at Hallowell.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE sends a more encouraging report than last year. Forty-four have been received to membership in its ten churches during the year, thirty-one of them by profession of faith. Thirty-five have been removed, leaving a net gain of nine. There is also a gain of twenty-eight in the families, and of one hundred and thirty-four in the Sabbath-schools. Contributions show some falling off. The church in Abbot Village was supplied for two months during the early part of the year by Mr. Geo. M. Sanborn, from the Young Men's Christian Association of Boston. The way had been prepared for good by the faithful efforts of the last pastor, Rev. J. B. Hawes. Yet at the time of Mr. Sanborn's coming great religious indifference prevailed, but he entered upon his work with strong faith in God. The Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting were resuscitated, the congregation increased from

twenty-five to one hundred, and about a dozen persons took their stand as followers of Christ. Of these, eight, all but one heads of families, have already joined the church. Mr. Sanborn afterwards labored at Monson two months, holding union meetings with similarly good results. Six persons have united with the church, and others give evidence of conversion. At Brownville, Sunday morning and evening congregations have been larger than for ten years, and one or two conversions have occurred among the members of the Sabbath-school. The church of Foxcroft and Dover has joyfully welcomed its new pastor, Rev. D. A. Morehouse. Repairs upon the church edifice amounting to some \$500 have been made, and seven persons received to church fellowship on profession of faith. The heart of Bro. Thayer, for thirty-four years the faithful pastor at Garland, has been made glad by the hopeful conversion of a dozen or more persons. At the last communion, six of these united with the church, together with two others who have for years hoped in Christ, but only now accepted this privilege of fellowship with his people.

The report from WASHINGTON CONFERENCE is a little sad, though relieved by some encouraging features. Of the nineteen churches, eleven have pastors, and eight not. The membership of these churches is 1,399. The additions have been fifteen by profession, and four by letter; total nineteen. The removals have been twenty-six, leaving a net loss of seven. Benevolent contributions are \$109 more than last year. The returns in regard to Sabbath-schools, families, and home expenditures are too defective to allow comparisons of any value. The churches which have received additions by profession of faith are Calais, Cherryfield, East Machias, Machias, and Machiasport. The three churches last named held fellowship meetings together of four days each during the winter, with profitable results. Cherryfield has secured a lot for a chapel, and is about to build. A very interesting work has been going on during the year at Millbridge. The Methodist church there united with many people of no religious faith in calling Rev. E. L. Walbridge to labor for one year. By God's blessing his work has been a success. Fifteen good substantial men and women, mostly heads of families, have become decided Christians. The Maine Missionary Society has given help this year to the extent of \$100; but now the people unanimously invite Mr. Walbridge to stay another year, increasing his salary, and dispensing with missionary aid. Measures are being taken to erect a house of worship, and most of the Christian people of various faiths desire that a Congregational church should be organized.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE, with fourteen churches, has eleven pastors and three vacant pulpits. The additions to the membership during the year have been nineteen, ten of them by profession. The removals have been thirty-two, leaving a net loss of thirteen. The membership of the Sabbath-schools is less, and the number of families in the congregations greater than last year. Benevolent gifts show a gain of \$244, and it is pleasant to note that some of this increase is in gifts to the great work of the American Missionary Association. Rev. C. J. H. Rope has been dismissed from his pastorate at Ellsworth, to hold a Professorship at Bangor, and Rev. Chas. W. Huntington has been installed in his place.

The eighteen churches of PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE report that eight have pastors, and seven are supplied from the Seminary. The additions to the churches are fifty-six, twenty of them by profession of faith. The removals are seventy-four, which leaves a net loss of eighteen. The membership of the Sabbath-schools is one hundred and twenty-six less than last year, and the contributions show a loss of ninety-four dollars. On the other hand, ninety-nine more families are reported as connected with the congregations. The additions on profession of faith are, in Bangor Central church, six; Hammond St., four; Brewer, First church four; Hampden and Oldtown, each two; Brewer Village and East Orrington, each one. Rev. C. S. Sargent has removed from Brewer Village to New Haven, Vt. Rev. Henry L. Griffin was installed Dec. 29th as pastor of Hammond St. church. Under the happy impulse of their union in him, and a growing congregation, this church have paid off a debt of \$4,000, which had been for some time a burden. They have lost during the year eleven members by death, among them some who for almost half a century had been true and faithful. The average age of nine of these was seventy-five years. The First church have made and paid for extensive repairs upon their church edifice. Not only this Conference, but the state and nation, mourn the death of Dr. Pond, at the age of ninety-one. Our churches, in common with others, rejoice in the prosperity of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. Our Theological Seminary has had during the past year an attendance of twenty-eight young men, who have shown a good, hard working spirit. In no previous year has so much work been required of the students, and in none has it been more faithfully performed. Best of all, the students, with very few exceptions, testify that their theological studies here have greatly deepened their spiritual life. The best



wishes of this Conference go with the eleven young men who have just gone forth to their work, and with all the graduates of the Seminary. Burlington has completed its house of worship, and paid for it within a few dollars. The church in Hampden held extra meetings for about a month last winter, in which the pastor was assisted by three brethren from the State Young Men's Christian Association. Some thirty persons gave evidence of conversion, and at the coming communion season a large number expect to unite with the church, including several heads of families, and one woman over threescore and ten. The pastor has maintained a children's meeting, with increasing and delightful proof of usefulness, and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed, which numbers fifty active and twelve associate members.

WALDO CONFERENCE has eleven churches, of which eight have pastors, while three are destitute. The additions have been twenty, twelve of them by profession; the removals thirty, leaving a net loss of ten. The Sabbath-schools show a gain in membership of sixteen. Seventy-three more families are reported as connected with the congregations than last year. Benevolent gifts have fallen off ninety-four dollars. While some of the churches of the Conference systematically give to the great causes of benevolence, the opposite is true of several. The reporter says: "Our churches would contribute if called upon. If this matter was attended to as it should be, our benevolent contributions would show at least fifty per cent. increase." God speed the day when every church in Maine shall according to its ability help every one of the great departments of Christian work. It would greatly increase our spiritual growth.

Of the twenty-two churches of LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, seventeen have pastors, while five are vacant. There have been seventy-seven removals from the churches, and forty-nine additions, which shows a loss of twenty-eight. The Winter Street church in Bath has received twelve on profession of faith, the Central church fourteen. These accessions were in connection with special meetings in February. Newcastle First has received nine by profession, and Rockland six, in both cases in connection with the regular work of the churches. Eighteen infant baptisms are reported, against four last year; eighty-one more families are reported; fifty-six more members of the Sabbath-school, and \$37 more of benevolent gifts. The Second church in Boothbay has renovated its church edifice at an expense of \$5,850, making it very attractive. The church in Edgecomb have raised the past year \$550 for the completion of their new house of worship, and on the fif-

teenth of February they had the happiness of dedicating it. It has cost \$3,590. It was begun in 1877, but want of funds has caused delay, and it is with great joy that the people can at last say, in the words from which Rev. J. E. Adams preached the dedication sermon, "So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them." The people of Edgecomb express their thanks to all the churches, far and near, which have given them aid.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE has fourteen churches, of which eleven are supplied with pastors. The additions have numbered thirty-one, the removals sixty-two, so that there has been a net loss of thirty-one. Waterville has received ten by profession of faith, Hallowell four, Richmond three, and four other churches each one. Benevolent gifts are \$189 more than last year. Richmond has paid off a debt on the parsonage. Rev. Henry E. Mott has been installed at Augusta, and Rev. Wm. F. Obear at Winthrop. We all regret the departure of Bro. A. L. Park from his eighteen years' pastorate at Gardiner, and his secretaryship of this Conference, and bid him God speed in his new work in Virginia. Our Classical School at Hallowell is in all respects flourishing. Three young men of the school began the Christian life last fall, while another who was a pupil only four weeks has since become a Christian, in consequence of impressions then received. Of the seven young men who graduate this year, all but one are avowed Christians. The school prayer-meetings on Saturday evening, and the Sabbath afternoon meeting have proved valuable means of Christian growth.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE has thirteen churches. The thirteenth is a new one, which we have the privilege of reporting for the first time, organized at North Anson in December, with ten members. May it be an eminently spiritual and useful church. There are eight pastors in the Conference, and five vacant pulpits. Ten members have been added to the churches, six of them by profession of faith; thirty-five have been removed, leaving a net loss of twenty-five. The churches which have received additions by profession are Skowhegan four, Athens and Solor one each. There is a slight diminution in the families, and benevolent gifts; increase in Sabbath-schools, forty-two. Mr. A. J. Rackliff of Andover Seminary, was ordained and installed June 13th, as pastor of the church in Skowhegan. All the churches mourn the death of Dea. James Bell, who had been clerk of the church in Skowhegan for twenty-one years, or from its organization until his death. He was a strong support in the church, Sabbath-school, and social meeting.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE consists of ten churches, eight of which have pastors. These churches have received to membership during the year forty-three persons, thirty-three of them by profession of faith, and have lost thirty-four, which leaves a net gain of nine. There is a slight diminution in the reported membership of Sabbath-schools; and a slight increase in the number of families, and in the benevolent contributions. At Farmington Falls a series of meetings was held during the later part of November, by three brethren from the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland, all the clergymen co-operating. Christians were awakened to new zeal, backsliders were reclaimed, and quite a number of conversions occurred. Eleven have united with the church by profession of faith, and all hearts are filled with courage. The year has been a good one with the church in Strong. Ten new members have been received into the church. The attendance at prayer-meetings has increased fourfold. The pastor has a Bible class of young men, which has had an average attendance of ten. An accession of strength has come to the church through the establishment of a school in the village by the Misses May, formerly of Farmington, who are helpers in every good work. The words of the pastor, speaking modestly of his youth and inexperience, are worth noting by us all: "The church was weak, and I was nothing, so we gave all up to the Holy Spirit, and he has done a good work." Such may prove a good course for stronger churches. From Phillips there comes, as those who noted the report last year must have felt sure there would come, tidings of good cheer and progress. Paying no heed to those who prophesied that nothing could be raised to support public worship, a few efficient, praying Christian women have secured \$250 in money and other forms. Bro. Wheelwright has had the joy of receiving four to the church by profession and five by letter, congregations are good; a handsome communion service has been presented by Rev. Mr. Baker's church in Lowell, Mass., and the people begin to talk about building a house of worship.

OXFORD CONFERENCE has fifteen churches, of which eleven have pastors. Twenty have been added by profession and thirty-one by letter—total fifty-one. Forty have been removed, leaving a net gain of eleven. The Sabbath-schools report nine hundred and thirty-seven members. Five hundred and sixty-nine families are connected with the congregations. Benevolent contributions foot up \$454. The church in Sumner has received eight additions on profession of faith; Norway Second, six; Bethel First, four; Gilead and Shelburne, each

one. The churches of this Conference have had their attention called to the great need of missionary work in the county, especially in those towns where there is no religious instruction of any kind. At the last meeting of the Conference, they decided to employ a missionary to preach Christ from house to house for three or four months, every pastor present spontaneously pledging a collection from his people in this behalf. A missionary has been engaged through the American Tract Society, who was to begin his service on the second week of this month.

Of the seventeen churches of UNION CONFERENCE, all but three have had regular preaching the past year, and two of these part of the time, and Sabbath-schools all the time, with some religious service added. This is highly commendable in a Conference eight of whose churches number less than fifty members each. There have been forty-five additions and thirty-nine removals, leaving a net gain of six. Casco has added eighteen by profession of faith; Fryeburg, ten; Bridgton South, five; Hiram and Waterford, each two; Denmark and Sweden, each one. Benevolent contributions have increased two hundred and thirteen dollars. The church in Fryeburg, while as "old" as Paul in its theology, is proving its title to be called "new" by its zeal and efficiency in the Lord's work. Says the reporter: "Union Conference is going ahead, determined to live, and the great Master is giving encouragement to faithful workers in these hill churches."

CUMBERLAND NORTH reports only two of its twenty-one churches as destitute of pastors. The membership is two thousand six hundred and sixty. The additions have been eighty-nine, the removals ninety-seven, leaving a net loss of eight. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven families are connected with the congregations. The reporter of the Conference makes the just remark, applicable all over the State: "The fact that so many families are even slightly and loosely attached to any religious assembly, is hopeful; the other fact that they are so fruitless in church-members and Sabbath-school scholars, yielding on an average but one and one-half church-member, and one and one-fourth Sabbath-school scholar each, shows a great fault somewhere. Of all revivals of religion, we need most a revival of family religion." The benevolent gifts are \$5,323. Says the reporter: "The charities of the churches for the two preceding years were unusually large, and a gain upon them of almost a thousand dollars is very gratifying. The largest accession to the churches by profession were at Lewiston, sixteen; Brunswick, nine; Pownal, five; Freeport South, four; Auburn Sixth street,

and Minot Center, each three. The "Praying Circle," the religious organization of the students of Bowdoin College, has maintained its meetings, regular and special, with rather more than the usual degree of interest, and has received some accession to its membership from the non-religious students. The fidelity of the Christian students has been decided, and a few have newly consecrated themselves to the Lord. Three Bible classes of students, well attended, have been maintained by Professors Smith, Robinson, and Chapman.

IN CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, while the blessed gifts of the Holy Spirit have not been specially bestowed on all the churches, the year has been one of marked prosperity. The accessions to the membership of the churches have been one hundred and eighty-four, one hundred and nine of these by profession of faith. The removals have been one hundred and ten, leaving a gain of seventy-four. The membership of the Sunday-schools is three thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, four hundred and fifty-one more than last year. Benevolent gifts are reported as \$13,551. If we take into account that the amount last year was swelled by a gift of \$4,000 from a member of State Street church to the Maine General Hospital, there has been an advance of over \$300 in charities. Two pastors have gone, Rev. John P. Trowbridge of Standish, and Rev. John F. Morgan of the West church in Portland; while the Conference has had the pleasure of welcoming to the pastorate of the West church, Rev. Dr. J. C. Holbrook of New York. I wish time allowed fuller mention of the many facts of interest which have marked the life and work of the churches during the year. At the West church in Portland, congregations have largely increased, and the importance of the church is made much greater by the location of the workshops of the Maine Central railroad in its vicinity. A considerable number of conversions have occurred during the year, and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed, with about forty members. At St. Lawrence Street church, Portland, early in the winter an unusual spirit of prayer for the conversion of souls was manifested. A few earnest, faithful young Christians started a young people's prayer-meeting, which fifty or more persons regularly attended. This was soon after merged in a Society of Christian Endeavor, guided by young men of ability and Christian experience. All these meetings received the direct supervision and aid of the pastor. In connection with them, and with meetings for religious conversation and inquiry, some thirty young people were led to give their hearts to the Saviour, of

whom twenty-one have already united with the church. Says the pastor, "These blessed results, in my opinion, are due mainly to the devoted, earnest, persistent work of a few of the younger Christians." As in former years, Williston church has been greatly blest. Thirty-one persons have united with it upon profession of faith. During the past five years and a half, two hundred and sixty-five persons have joined this church, of whom about forty have been children, two hundred and twenty-five adults,—some one hundred and thirty of them heads of families. The Society of Christian Endeavor has been a wonderful help to the young Christians. It has set them to work, and been to many a school of preparation for membership in the church. The Second Parish church has received an accession of thirty-eight to its membership, seventeen by profession of faith. This church adopts some practical methods of Christian work which are well worthy of imitation. Last fall they opened a young men's reading room, handsomely furnished, and provided with the best secular and religious periodicals. In connection with this, a young men's library has been started. Thus a pleasant place is provided for the young men of the congregation who have no homes in the city, where they may spend their evenings. The sewing school for poor girls has done an excellent work. The Sabbath-school numbers six hundred and eighteen. There is a Chinese department, attended by all the Chinamen in the city, nine in number. Says the pastor, "In all our experience with this despised class of people, we have found them exhibiting a generosity, modesty, politeness, and even a refinement of manners which some of their persistent detractors would do well to copy. At one of our monthly reports of Sunday-school contributions, it was found that the Chinese class had given more than any other." The church at Cumberland Mills has increased its benevolent gifts during the past four years, from below \$100 to nearly \$500 a year. But they rejoice most in a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit during the winter, when over fifty persons, almost all adults, were converted. These conversions occurred in connection with very plain presentation of the severer as well as more gracious truths of God's Word, and with personal conversation and appeal. The recent converts come together once a week for prayer and conference, and the meetings are extremely interesting and profitable.

The twenty-eight churches of YORK CONFERENCE are widely scattered, and cannot assemble themselves together so easily as some neighboring Conferences. Yet they maintain a hearty spirit of fraternity. They

are supplied by six pastors and twelve acting pastors, while seven pulpits are vacant. During the year Rev. Edward Chase has been dismissed from his pastorate at the Pavilion church, Biddeford, and Rev. B. P. Snow from Alfred. Rev. E. T. Pitts has been installed at Limington, and Rev. C. E. Stowe at Saco. Rev. George Michael has become acting pastor at Alfred. The additions to the churches have been one hundred and seventeen, seventy-four of them by profession. The removals have been seventy-eight; the net gain thirty-nine. The church at Alfred has received thirty by profession of faith, Limington twelve, Biddeford Second ten, Saco nine, and several others smaller numbers. An increased religious interest prevailed at Cornish during the winter, and some thirteen persons apparently became disciples of Christ.

The church at Limington rejoices in the conversion of fourteen or more persons, varying in age from twenty to sixty years. A characteristic of the work was that nearly as many others who had been inactive Christians have been led to put on the whole armor of God. No outside ministerial aid was received except for a fortnight from the pastor's father. The means used were personal Christian endeavor and looking to the Spirit of God. At Alfred extra meetings have been held, with preaching by the evangelist, Rev. Rufus S. Underwood. Pastor and people had previously made special effort to be prepared for his coming. Solid gospel truth was the substance of the preaching, and thus the strongest men and women were reached as well as young people. There have been sixty-five or more hopeful conversions.

THE SUMMARY of the statistics is as follows: We have sixty-six pastors, three more than last year; eighty-five acting-pastors, which is three more; and forty ministers without charge, which is eleven less. The total number of ministers is one hundred and ninety-one, five less than last year. Our churches number two hundred and forty-four, one new one having been formed during the year. Of these sixty-seven, exactly the same number as last year, have installed pastors; one hundred and one as against one hundred and three then, have acting-pastors; and seventeen are supplied by licentiates. The total membership of the churches, is twenty-one thousand one hundred and twenty-two, of whom six thousand one hundred and seventy-nine are males, and fourteen thousand nine hundred and forty-three females. The undesirable column of absentees has increased more than one hundred during the year, and numbers four thousand seven hundred and thirty.

The additions to the churches have been, by profession of faith, four hundred and eighty-three; by letter, three hundred and six; total seven hundred and eighty-nine. The removals have been, by death, four hundred and forty-one; by letter, three hundred and one; by discipline, thirty-three; total, seven hundred and seventy-five. There is therefore, a net gain in membership of fourteen. Owing however to the culpably inaccurate keeping of records by the clerks of some churches, the figures give two hundred and sixteen less members than last year. The baptisms of adults are three hundred and forty-five, eighty-nine more than last year; infant baptisms one hundred and twenty-two, which is eleven more. The membership of Sabbath-schools is twenty-one thousand nine hundred and forty-three; the families in the congregations fourteen thousand five hundred and seventy-four.

The gifts to Foreign Missions are \$10,178, which is \$164 more than last year; to the College and Education Society, \$634, \$633 less; to the Congregational Union, \$949, \$302 more; to Home Missions, \$10,498, \$33 more; to the American Missionary Association, \$3,662, \$359 more; to the Congregational Publishing Society, \$79; to other objects, \$11,014. The total benevolent gifts are \$38,165, and if we deduct from last year's offerings the special gift of \$4,000 which has been referred to, there has been a gain this year of over \$800. Home expenditures are reported as \$188,779.

The review of the year shows that in spiritual blessings it has been somewhat better than its predecessor. Yet I am sure we are profoundly moved with humiliation for the small degree of the converting presence of the Holy Spirit in most of our churches. Let it lead us to cease from our own wisdom, to seek more experience of the power of the gospel, to pray fervently in behalf of each other for the gift of that blessed Comforter whose work it is to convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment.

But we shall do this the more effectually if we give heartfelt thanks for the blessings of the year. Let us not be blind to its lessons of gratitude and Christian courage. How much of good the two or three, or even the one addition by profession of faith means in many a church. It means the answer to prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit, the decision for Christ. We rejoice and bless God for the instances of large success. These are a holy inspiration. But most of us have to ask, *How shall I be steadfast, brave, faithful, under small apparent success? Because*



Christ has said, "Lo, I am with you always." Because the Word which cannot pass away tells us, "Be unmovable, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." Living in these promises, we work with courage. We are not indolently satisfied with these small successes, yet we appreciate what God is doing for us all the time.

I believe that God also specially calls upon us to make more than we do of the training of God's people in *character*. If we had a larger number of incorruptible, just, godly, spiritual Christians in our churches, there would be far more conversions. Where is the power of an inconsistent church? Its influence over unconverted men is described by Paul when he says, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you." Who can overestimate the power of one holy character among God's people? You have read in the columns of our CHRISTIAN MIRROR during the past year the story of some of God's aged saints, who, having lived lives of steadfast devotion and fidelity, have entered into rest. You know how often such men and women were converted to Christ in some little country church, and there have been the strength and honor of the church all their days. Let us ask not merely, How many obvious conversions have there been? but, How much growth in grace? How much building up of strong, spiritual character? No church is too feeble to ask itself, Are we, by example, by good influence, by Christian training, showing the young people what it is to be Christians? Are we inspiring them with heartfelt respect for the gospel of Christ? The Holy Spirit is given to sanctify God's people. Those who are teachable under his blessed influence do also see the conversion of others around them.

And also, if any one lesson is read to us in various forms by the reports of the year, if any one thing is the special duty of the time, it is the *Christian training of the children*. There is an amazing, a wicked neglect of this on the part of God's people. We have our Sabbath-schools, and they are of inestimable value. But how often Christian parents make them a substitute for the faithful performance of their own duty, instead of an aid to it. Who can look through our communities, and see the large number of boys and girls who are connected with our Christian congregations, yet growing up to worldly, unbelieving lives, and not know that something in our training is gravely wrong? Is this the natural result of bringing up the children in the nurture and admonition

of the Lord? Are we, parents, pastors, teachers, really filling minds of our children with God's truth, understanding their thoughts, anticipating the temptations which the world will bring, draw them to Christ not merely by the general exhortations of preaching, but by personal influence? You know the special attention which has been made to meet these needs, by the recent formation in some of our churches of what are called "Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor." Originating in Willis church, Portland, they have already been formed in three other Portland churches, in Bath, Auburn, Augusta, Hampden, and doubtless in other places of which I am not informed. In some other churches, as Woodford's, Lewiston, Yarmouth, Gorham, and perhaps many more, pastors have formed classes for the systematic instruction of the children in Christian truth. Whatever our specific methods, let us, pastors and Christian men and women, go from here with a determination that we secure for the children not only the admonition, but the Christian nurture which the Lord commands. Is Satan early in influencing children? Let us be even earlier. Does bad reading abound? Let us forestall it with good, and be willing to spend our money for it. Do the bad men of the community influence the boys? Let pastors, Sabbath-school teachers, all Christian men and women show the boys in friendship and win stronger influence. Do the children hear false principles uttered? Teach them the very words of God's holy revelation. Are children active in mischief? Give them something to do for Christ. Do they get into bad company? Unite them in good organizations like these Societies of Christian Endeavor. The children are God's. Christ's. He has bought them with his precious blood. He stands at the door of their hearts, desiring their earliest devotion, that he may train them for the noblest usefulness in his kingdom.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES,

**For the year ending May 7, 1882.**

**AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. RICHARD S. WHIDDEN.**

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 7, 1882.	Added, Removed dur'g yr. dur'g y'r.				Contributions—(Dollars.)																	
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.		Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Baptized—Adults	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Misy Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Caribou.....	1889 July 18	Richard S. Whidden (1)	P.	1879 Nov. 19	1879 July 1	11	21	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	148	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	275
Carroll and Springfield ..	1846 Oct. 14	Vacant.				1	4	7	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	
Fort Fairfield ..	1844 Oct. 8	Edward P. Eastman.	A.P.	1871 Apr. 10	1863 Jan. 1	22	22	44	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	1	408	
Houlton ..	1833 Jan. 24	Benjamin P. Snow ..	A.P.	1870 May 10	1861 Oct. 1	18	32	50	30	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	135	65	5	5	30	0	10	650		
Island Falls.....	1859 Sept. 21	George W. Stearns ..	Lic.	1862 July 9	1862 July 9	14	23	37	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	50	27	1	0	0	0	0	10	123	
Lee ..	1863 July 10	Vacant.				2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Passadumkeag ..	1845 Jan. 20	Vacant.				2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Patten ..	1840 Mar. 1	George W. Stearns ..	Lic.	1862 July 9	1862 July 9	13	28	41	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	18	2	64	30	0	0	0	0	0	16	350	
Presque Isle ..	1840 Mar. 1	Vacant.				7	17	24	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	650	
Sherman Washburn Memorial Ch. }	1861 May 20	Isaac C. Bumpus.....	A.P.	1881 Oct. 23	1880 Oct. 21	39	75	114	68	2	5	7	1	1	0	2	1	80	35	6	0	5	0	0	0	14	200	
Ten.						132	233	365	122	5	7	12	5	1	0	6	6	667	357	12	0	8	71	0	60	131	2706	

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. EDWARD S. TEAD.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 7, 1882.	Added dur'g y'r.				Removed dur'g y'r.				Contributions—(Dollars.)																
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licensee.		Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry, commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Letter.	Profession.	Total.	Death.	Disunion.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss. Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditure.		
Portland.	Baldwin	1821 May 16	Eddy T. Pitts	A.P.	1882 Feb. 8	1882 April 1	9	27	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	25	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	90		
	Cape Elizabeth, First	1724 Sept. 10	Edwin A. Harlow	P.	1863 Aug. 26	1871 Nov. 21	15	47	62	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	150	175	14	0	17	0	31	911			
	Cape Elizabeth, (Ligon)	1867 Mar. 17	Vacant	(1)	.....	.....	.....	16	27	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	100	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Deering, First	1765 Apr. 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	8	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Deering, Woodford's Cor.	1872 Sept. 4	S. Winchester	P.	1877 May 22	1880 Oct. 21	32	69	101	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	225	175	53	0	85	13	212	1900			
	Palmouth, First	1754 June	Arthur N. Ward	P.	1879 Feb. 25	1879 Feb. 25	24	67	91	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	70	80	48	0	26	13	*122	600			
	Palmouth, Second	1870 Sept. 15	William H. Haskell	A.P.	1863 Mar. 31	1869 Jan. 1	24	67	91	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	70	80	48	0	26	13	*122	600			
	Garham	1750 Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington	P.	1866 Jan. 31	1877 June 1	72	179	251	64	212	14	1	1	1	1	12	0	0	275	220	23	0	297	132	812	2300			
	Second Parish	1787 Nov. 30	Charles A. Dickinson	P.	1879 Sept. 29	1879 Sept. 29	118	309	617	103	1721	38	3	3	3	3	3	9	0	0	911	560	.....	0	0	0	0	0		
	High Street	1831 Sept. 9	William R. Fenn	P.	1859 Feb. 20	1866 July 25	107	293	400	72	1	3	4	4	4	4	3	0	0	280	223	791	78	687	100	1334	3590			
Portland.	Fourth, Abyssinian	1835 Aug. 7	John G. Wilson	A.P.	1851 Dec. 12	1880 Feb. 15	3	7	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	210			
	Bethel	1840 Sept. 24	Francis Southworth	P.	1857 Oct. 28	1866 June 11	34	41	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	20	228	0	15	25	390	449			
	State Street	1852 Mar. 17	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	117	279	396	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	205	209	835	70	697	138	273	1638			
	St. Lawrence Street	1858 Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright	P.	1866 Nov. 1	1871 Apr. 19	19	73	142	215	55	22	6	28	1	0	214	2	0	250	72	50	0	30	0	61	150	1700		
	West	1862 Sept. 17	John C. Holbrook, D.D.	A.P.	1842 May 13	1881 Nov. 20	18	47	65	33	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	194	75	5	0	0	0	5	10	1360		
	Plymouth	1869 Dec. 27	Dwight M. Seward, D.D.	P.	1836 Mar. 1	1881 June 22	66	109	225	40	2	4	4	4	4	4	13	2	0	194	1	53	0	10	32	36	112	263	3500	
	Williston	1873 Feb. 5	Frank E. Clark	P.	1876 Oct. 19	1876 Oct. 19	85	217	302	14	3111	42	2	2	2	2	4	0	0	430	201	900	0	40	350	50	300	940	4300	
	Scarborough	1728 June 26	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	23	36	57	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	70	40	75	0	0	27	50	0	152	1050
	Standish	1834 Feb. 6	Vacant	(2)	.....	.....	.....	4	33	37	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	45	50	8	0	0	16	10	7	38	635
	Westbrook, Sacarappa	1832 Jan. 17	Edward E. Bacon	P.	1877 Sept. 13	1881 Jan. 12	40	106	146	6	5	5	10	1	3	0	3	5	2	145	21	0	0	0	13	0	29	63	2069	
Westbrook, Warren	1869 Sept. 30	Edward S. Tead	P.	1878 Sept. 17	1878 Sept. 17	47	87	134	28	25	6	31	0	1	1	1	21	0	0	230	175	83	0	0	207	60	61	411	1500	
Windham	1743 Dec. 11	Luther Wiswall	P.	1837 Aug. 12	1854 Sept. 2	13	44	57	13	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	1	0	35	30	5	0	0	25	15	5	50	450		
Twenty-two.										4 110 66 39 37 85 2250 306				4 110 66 39 37 85 2250 306				206 126 340 1 97 45 667 1350 13494												

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(1) William C. Jones, Llc. from June 11, 1882. (2) Rev. Richard S. Whidden, from June 1, 1882. \*Of this \$25 for Congressional Sabbath School and Publishing Society.

# CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. TRUMAN S. PERRY.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Contributions—(Dollars.)																
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Licensee.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 7, 1882.					Added dur'g y'r. dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g y'r.			Contributions—(Dollars.)											
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Discipline.	Baptized—Adults.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	(Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.				
Auburn, High Street.....	1826 Feb. 8	Anson P. Tinker.....	P.	1873 Oct. 16 1873 Oct.	16 137	203	400	90	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1150	4300					
Auburn, Sixth Street.....	1875 Sept. 16	Lauriston Reynolds.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 16 1875 June 1	200	38	407	200	3	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1200					
Auburn, West.....	1844 Apr. 30	John S. Backslder.....	A.P.	1838 Oct. 30 1882 April 1	38	62	100	39	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	40	500				
Brunswick.....	1747 June 3	William P. Fisher.....	P.	1873 Feb. 2 1879 Oct. 22	56	156	242	60	9	7	16	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	363	3163				
Cumberland.....	1793 Sept. 3	Truman S. Perry.....	A.P.	1873 June 18 1874 July 1	41	91	123	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	850	850				
Durham.....	1776 Mar. 9	Richard Wickett.....	A.P.	1877 Dec. 18 79 July 1	1	20	31	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	325				
Fresport.....	1793 Dec. 21	Preston B. Wing.....	P.	1859 Jan. 28 1879 May 1	22	50	111	25	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1300				
Grayport, South.....	1853 July 2	Colinus G. Burnham.....	A.P.	1879 Dec. 10 1880 Oct. 10	23	60	91	29	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1000	1000				
Grayport, North.....	1863 Oct. 2	Benjamin Dean.....	A.P.	1862 Mar. 25 1877 Feb. 1	34	58	92	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	700	700				
Harpswell.....	1751.....	Elijah Kellogg.....	A.P.	1844 June 18 1871.....	24	50	74	40	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	200	200				
Leaviston, Pine Street.....	1834 Aug. 8	George S. Dickerman.....	P.	1868 Aug. 5 1874 Mar. 12	112	200	378	113	16	10	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	165	2522				
Mechanic Falls.....	1840 June 13	Frederick E. Emrich (1)	P.	1875 Sept. 16 1877 July 25	10	38	48	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	700				
Minot Center.....	1791 Sept. 8	Lauriston Reynolds.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 16 1879 Sept. 21	38	12	51	10	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	73	250			
Minot West and Hebron.....	1802 Oct 18	Vacant.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
New Gloucester.....	1765 Jan. 10	Francis D. Kelsey.....	P.	1874 July 7 1880 Apr. 6	72	128	200	37	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19			
North Yarmouth.....	1800 Sept. 30	Henry H. Osgood.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 3 1880 May 16	44	61	105	28	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	577	1474				
Poland.....	1825 Nov. 2	Frederick E. Emrich (1)	P.	1875 Sept. 16 1878 May 1	6	16	22	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	1392			
Pownal.....	1811 Mar. 20	Richard Wickett.....	A.P.	1877 Dec. 5 1879 July 1	17	39	56	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	285			
Turner.....	1803 Oct. 18	Vacant.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Yarmouth, First.....	1750 Nov. 18	Joseph Torrey, D. D.....	P.	1860 May 30 1875 Mar. 3	82	178	300	42	1	3	4	8	1	3	12	1	2	40	185	236	50	0	81	59	123	649	1800	
Yarmouth, Central.....	1839 Apr. 27	Francis W. Sanborn.....	P.	1878 Dec. 18 1878 Dec. 18	20	38	58	5	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	20	2000			
Twenty-one.						823	1807	2600	654	46	43	89	30	43	4	97	31	14	2150	177	1465	213	384	750	564	786	8233	20560

(1) Resigns July, 1882. Accepts call to Chicago Ill., (2)—Rev. Edwin S. Tingley left April 1, 1882. \*Of this, \$6 for Cong'l Sabbath School and Publishing Society.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. ALBERT W. MOORE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Contributions—(Dollars.)																			
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 7, 1882.			Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g yr.			Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.									
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Miscellaneous.									Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families May 1882.		
Farmington .....	1814 Oct. 14	Albert W. Moore.....	P.	1873 Jan. 22	1879 Mar. 1	83	108	291	36*	1	3	4	4	5	0	0	0	9	0	2	200	120	35	10	0	78	13	95	231	1500	
Farmington Falls.....	1850 Mar. 5	Caleb L. Rotch.....(1)	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	11	29	40	7	11	1	12	0	4	0	411	0	75	325	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	4	0	26	341
Industry.....	1808 July 5	Vacant.....	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	14	18	32	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
New Sharon.....	1801 Feb. 11	Caleb L. Rotch.....(1)	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	39	71	110	26	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	75	600	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	5	21	600	
New Vineyard.....	1828 Sept. 3	Vacant.....(2)	P.	1881 Oct. 15	1881 June 1	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Phillips.....	1822 Oct. 9	John B. Wheelwright.....	A.P.	1881 Oct. 15	1881 June 1	8	15	23	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	
Strong.....	1810 Mar. 20	S. S. Wilder.....	Lic.	1881 Sept. 11	1881 Sept. 11	36	69	96	23	10	0	10	0	0	1	3	0	0	110	57	0	0	0	10	0	0	15	20	0	15	20
Temple.....	1805 Sept. 19	Arthur G. Fitz.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 1	1880 Dec. 31	22	39	61	12	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	37	5	0	4	10	0	0	19	9	0	19	9
Wald.....	1809 Aug. 17	Henry Farrar.....	A.P.	1887 Nov. 6	1879 Aug. 31	15	25	40	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	20	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	9
Wilton.....	1819 Feb. 16	Arthur G. Fitz.....	A.P.	1875 Sept. 1	1880 Dec. 1	30	58	88	38	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	41	21	0	10	50	11	0	0	0	0	95	655
Ten.						295	489	784	170	33	10	43	16	17	1	34	26	2	710	404	82	12	23	169	33	107	426	3440			

(1) Resigned June, 1882. (2) William Vaughn, *Lic.* from July, 1881, three months. (3) Resigned December, 1881—now at Stow. \*Excommunicated member restored. †Union. ‡Union since December 1, 1881; 32 to Nov. 14. §Union, most of them.

# HANCOCK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Lewis J. THOMAS.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.						Ch. Members May 7, 1882.		Added dur'g y'r.		Removed dur'g y'r.				Contributions—(Dollars.)													
Place and Name.	Organized	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed or present Ministry or commenced.	Males.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total. Death.	Dismission. Discipline.	Total. Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education. Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.					
						Females.	Total.																						
Amherst and Aurora.....	1830 Sept. 14	William Haynes	A.P.	1882 July	21882 June 1	8	45	53	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	56					
Bluehill.....	1772 Oct. 7	James C. M. Johnstone	Lic.	.....	1881 Sept. 18	27	60	87	15	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	110	50	0	0	0	0	800					
Brookville, West.....	1836 June 4	Alfred E. Ives	A.P.	1838 Sept. 25	1881 May	45	63	108	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	57	0	0	0	0	1769					
Bucksport.....	1803 May 12	William Forsyth	A.P.	1879 Sept. 15	1879 Sept. 15	36	101	137	17	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	120	95	100	0	0	0	1500					
Castine.....	1829 July 27	Lewis J. Thomas	P.	1878 June 18	1878 June 18	16	66	82	18	2	2	4	24	0	0	0	0	151	63	16	17	45	40	1986					
Deer Isle, First.....	1773 Aug. 1	Edward S. Palmer	A.P.	1856 Jan'y 2	1881 Nov. 20	42	120	162	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	130	10	0	0	0	31	728				
Deer Isle, Second.....	1838 Dec. 1	Hiram Houston	A.P.	1850 Sept. 25	1851 Sept. 6	12	23	35	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	21	0	0	0	0	16	85				
Ellsworth.....	1812 Sept. 8	Charles W. Huntington	P.	1881 Sept. 6	1881 Sept. 6	31	120	151	38	5	5	8	1	4	4	0	0	150	117	114	0	0	0	324	1450				
Isle au Haut.....	1857 May 7	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	11	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Orland.....	1850 Sept. 25	William Forsyth	A.P.	1870 Sept. 15	1878 July 1	32	48	80	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Sedgwick and Brooksville.....	1793 July 8	Henry B. Hart	A.P.	1869 Dec. 21	1880 June 1	9	17	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	62	300			
Sedgwick Village.....	1847 Oct. 28	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	0	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Somesville.....	1876 Dec. 21	Albert N. Jones	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	1879 Oct. 8	7	22	29	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Tremont, (Mount Desert).....	1792 Oct. 17	Albert N. Jones	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	1879 Oct. 8	8	12	20	11	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	140	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28		
Fourteen.						387	759	1046	197	10	9	19	23	5	4	32	8	0	0	1366	802	278	10	17	393	130	380	1213	6028
		*Of this \$5 for Cong'l Sabbath School and Publishing Society.																											
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# KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. WILLIAM C. CURTIS.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.					Ch. Members, May 1, 1882.	Added, dur g yr.	Removed, dur g yr.	Contributions—(Dollars.)																					
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed, or present, Ministry commenced.				Males	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Discipline.	Total	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath Schools.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Angusta	1794 Oct. 7	Henry Elliott Mott	P.	1878 Nov. 12	1881 Sept. 20	72	192	264	38	1	0	1	8	846	11	1	1	250	175	340	18	0	267	118	422	1165	3900			
Banton	1858 July 16	Gustavus W. Jones	A.P.	1869 May 27	1881 July 1	12	38	50	24	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	125		
Canton	1858 July 15	Vacant																												
Gardiner	1835 July 28	Edgar Foster Davis	P.	1878 Aug. 8	1882 Feb. 1	37	116	153	42	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	35	110	228	0	0	38	53	79	491	1150				
Hallowell	1790 Feb. 25	Charles A. White	A.P.	1873 Sept. 3	1878 Oct. 24	55	126	181	39	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	172	140	108	0	51	211	126	230	514	586				
Litchfield	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes	A.P.	1828 Jan. 23	1865 July 1	22	36	58	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	68	32	13	0	0	27	12	0	59	406				
Monmouth	1853 May 17	John B. Carruthers	A.P.	1852 Apr. 1		21	43	64	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	45	0	0	21	0	0	8	426					
Pittston	1812 Nov. 17	David L. Davis	P.	1880 Mar. 24	1880 Mar. 24	7	21	28	6	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	65	85	40	5	0	0	0	65	1172				
Richmond	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis	A.P.	1863 Sept. 1	1868 May 24	8	39	47	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Sidney	1829 Feb. 25	Vacant				4	6	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Vassalboro	1818 July 28	Vacant				2	11	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Waterville	1828 Aug. 21	Erza N. Smith	A.P.	1872 June 12	1877 July 18	68	127	195	66	10	3	13	3	1	4	7	190	66	87	0	5	55	0	38	186	1400				
Winslow	1828 Aug. 27	Gustavus W. Jones	A.P.	1869 May 27	1880 Nov. 1	1	20	67	96	3	1	5	6	2	0	2	1	0	84	50	33	0	16	11	21	81	550			
Winthrop	1776 Sept. 4	William F. Obeare	P.	1808 Oct. 14	1881 Oct. 19	43	107	150	53	1	2	3	10	5	0	12	0	1	120	95	308	0	22	21	0	363	1200			
Fourteen.						361	953	1294	367	2110	3138	18	6215	31164	928	953	28	78	695	323	592	2669	11215							

(1).—Riverside, 2 M., 3 F., = 5 members; Frederic Geo. Chutter, *Lic.* from Dec., 1881; Sabbath School, 67; Home Expenditures, \$70. (2).—Resigned June, 1882; goes to Wyoming. \*Drop'd. †Members worship with other denominations, and contributions are made there.



# LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. JEREMIAH E. POND.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Contributions—(Dollars.)												
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licensee.	Ordained.	Installed or present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 7, 1882.			Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g yr.			Contributions—(Dollars.)									
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Alma.....	1796 Sept. 27	Vacant				6	24	30	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	100	0	0	0	0	130	30	
Bath, Winter Street.....	1705 Dec. 8	J. Orr Flake, D. D.	P.	1843 Aug. 17	1843 Aug. 17	73	240	313	86	12	1	12	4	1	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	130	30	
Bath, Central.....	1833 July 8	William R. Richards	P.	1879 Oct. 16	1879 Oct. 16	36	117	153	36	13	1	13	4	0	0	3	141	550	0	0	0	1186	3050	
Boothbay, First.....	1776 July 28	Richard W. Jenkins	A. P.	1874 Sept. 15	1878 May 10	10	24	34	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	100	0	0	0	1017	5000	
Boothbay, Second.....	1848 Aug. 1	Richard W. Jenkins	A. P.	1874 Sept. 15	1878 May 10	22	48	70	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	30	40	0	0	0	928	3000	
Bremen.....	1829 Mar. 3	John J. Bullfinch	A. P.	1860 May 20	1878 June 6	1	44	61	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	25	0	0	0	223	6000	
Bristol.....	1796 Aug. 17	Vacant				1	44	61	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Edgemoor.....	1783 June 4	Charles G. Holyoke	A. P.	1878 Dec. 18	1881 July 1	16	63	79	18	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	30	40	0	0	0	27	3500	
Lisbon.....	1833 Dec. 18	Vacant				0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Castle, First.....	1799 June 4	Vacant				0	10	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Castle, Second.....	1844 May 22	Charles E. Andrews	P.	1881 Oct. 11	1881 Oct. 11	73	130	203	50	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	113	77	0	0	15	59	800	
Pulphurburg.....	1765 July 1	Henry C. Robinson	A. P.	1881 June 21	1881 Jan. 16	24	53	77	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	70	0	0	17	29	550	
Rockland.....	1838 Mar. 8	John J. Blair	P.	1874 Oct. 22	1876 Nov. 1	10	102	112	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	83	0	0	21	151	2500	
Thomaston.....	1809 June 15	Charles H. Pope	P.	1865 July 27	1878 Mar. 5	23	106	129	26	2	1	2	4	0	0	0	140	100	0	0	38	32	151	
Topsham.....	1789 June 26	Jotham Sewall	A. P.	1881 Aug. 1	1881 Aug. 1	24	78	102	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	60	0	0	9	7	615	
Union.....	1803 Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross	P.	1860 Oct. 31	1860 Oct. 31	25	60	78	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	72	8	0	18	6	32	
Waldoboro, First.....	1807 May 13	Edward C. Crane	A. P.	1879 Sept. 3	1881 June 1	25	87	112	20	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	60	90	0	0	22	9	57	
Waldoboro, Second.....	1856 Mar. 4	Vacant				0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Warren, Second.....	1828 Feb. 28	J. Everts Pond	P.	1838 Jan. 28	1870 June 19	62	126	188	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	100	0	0	32	28	76	
Washington.....	1817 Aug. 16	Flavius V. Norcross	A. P.	1860 Oct. 31	1881 June 1	4	8	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Wiscasset.....	1773 Aug. 4	William A. De Pew	P.	1872 Nov. 9	1873 Jan. 14	22	60	82	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	80	0	0	25	35	1000	
Woolwich.....	1765 June 12	Henry O. Thayer	A. P.	1866 July 26	1867 Sept. 15	24	79	103	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	56	0	0	38	16	68	
Twenty-two.						500	1471	1971	423	42	7	49	53	17	7	77	1549	1397	1436	45	10	1167	270	300
																								3538

(1)—Albert Donnell, Lic., from July 2, 1882.

# OXFORD CONFERENCE, Reported by ARTHUR W. VALENTINE.

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(1) Report due June 1, 1882, received July 28, after the tables had been made up. Charles Merriam. *Lic* from July 2, 1882. 7 M '6 F = 33 total members; non-resident 7; one Infant Baptism; Sabbath School 80; Families 80; Foreign Mission 85; Home Expenditures \$375. (2) Rev. Theodore C. Jerome, Hamilton C. 1869, Andover 8, 1872.) Ordained 1873, July 2. A. P. from July 8, 1882. (3) Closed labors July, 1882—called to Chicago, Illa. (4) Supplied by Rev. J. A. Jones, from July, 1882.

# PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, Reported by JAMES A. DOLE.

CHURCHES.	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry commenced.	MINISTERS										Contributions—(Dollars.)																					
							Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Mission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Sabbath School.	Family, May 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. M. Y. Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.											
Bangor, First.....	1811 Nov. 27	1811 Nov. 27	Charles J. H. Ropes	A. P.	1877 Aug. 15	1881 Sept. 1	69	180	249	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	95	55	60	0	0	106	83	259	508	3500									
Hammond St.....	1823 Dec. 3	1873 Oct. 1	Henry L. Griffin	P.	1873 Oct. 1	1881 Dec. 29	113	241	354	78	4	13	17	11	8	0	0	0	3	3	200	255	156	44	52	544	128	546	1480	2150								
Central.....	1847 April 1	1853 Nov. 13	George W. Field	P.	1853 Nov. 13	1864 Mar. 29	106	231	337	42	6	12	18	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	430	400	375	60	0	573	257	967	2173	9735								
East.....	1878 Aug. 7	1883 Nov. 23	James B. Hawes	A. P.	1878 Aug. 7	1883 Nov. 23	24	46	70	18	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	200	200							
Brewer, First.....	1840 Sept. 9	1878 Jan. 9	Clarence A. Beckwith.	(1) P.	1878 Jan. 9	1881 June 1	50	143	193	35	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	378	176	60	0	22	75	123	0	203	1680	0							
" Village.....	1843 Jan. 18	1881 June 1	Supplied from Bangor Sem.		1843 Jan. 18	1881 June 1	74	103	177	16	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	130	90	0	0	0	9	0	25	34	400	0	0						
Burlington.....	1827 July 12	1881 June 1	Supplied from Bangor Sem.		1827 July 12	1881 June 1	20	25	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1835	0	0	0						
Dedham.....	1841 Dec. 13	1882 Mar. 1	James D. Smiley	Lic.	1841 Dec. 13	1882 Mar. 1	11	20	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	90	0	0	0	0					
Dorchester.....	1861 Sept. 10	1881 June 1	William D. Wade	A. P.	1879 Oct. 1	1881 June 1	8	12	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Hampton and Plymouth.	1817 May 6	1881 June 1	Charles D. Crane	A. P.	1874 June 11	1881 June 1	22	68	90	27	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	125	70	60	5	8	53	13	57	202	500	0	0	0	0	0			
Holden.....	1828 Nov. 11	1882 Mar. 1	James D. Smiley	Lic.	1874 June 11	1882 Mar. 1	22	43	65	13	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	50	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	118	4	300	0	0	0		
Kenduskeag.....	1834 Dec. 23	1881 June 1	Supplied from Bangor Sem.		1834 Dec. 23	1881 June 1	19	38	57	28	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	225	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Lincoln.....	1831 Aug. 3	1881 Oct. 1	Wilbur Rand	Lic.	1881 Oct. 1	1881 Oct. 1	9	17	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Oldtown.....	1834 Sept. 24	1881 Oct. 13	Henry A. Freeman	P.	1880 Oct. 13	1880 Oct. 13	23	62	85	27	21	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	130	70	5	0	25	5	0	40	715	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Orono.....	1824 May 18	1881 June 1	Supplied from Bangor Sem.		1824 May 18	1881 June 1	31	99	130	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	640	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Orrington, East.....	1834 June 12	1881 June 1	Supplied from Bangor Sem.		1834 June 12	1881 June 1	20	52	72	28	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Upper Stillwater.....	1839 Oct. 6	1881 June 1	Supplied by the Orono Presb. Mch.		1881 June 1	1881 June 1	1	13	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Yezzie.....	1838 June 10	Vacant	Vacant		1838 June 10	1838 June 10	13	25	38	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Eighteen.....							581	1372	1953	450	20	36	56	44	30	0	74	15	10	2228	1413	737	96	90	1435	304	1806	4796	22548	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

1) Resigned July 1882. 2) Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, Pastor, to Oct. 1, 1881. (3) Charles T. Hawes, Lic. June, July, 1892. \* Of this \$10 from Hammond Street church, and \$25 from Central church, for Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society.

# PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.						Ch. Members, May 7, 1882.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.		Contributions—(Dollars.)															
Place and Name.	Organized	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.					Letter.	Profession.	Total.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Sabbath Schools.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.		
						Males	Females	Total.	Absent.																				
Abbot Village.....	1875 Nov. 23	George M. Sanborn.....	Lic.	.....	1882 Jan. 1	13	19	32	9	8	0	8	1	1	0	8	0	40	18		0	0	0	0	0	30	88		
Atkinson.....	1842 Mar. 2	Vacant.....		.....	.....	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Blanchard.....	1833 Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson.....	A.P.	1856 May 28	1877 Apr. 1	18	26	44	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	11		0	0	0	0	0	52	160		
Brownville.....	1819 Aug. 24	Charles L. Nichols.....	P.	1861 Nov. 7	1872 Feb. 29	53	112	165	36	0	3	3	3	0	3	0	7	175	105	31	0	9	16	117	31	204	725		
Dexter.....	1834 July 22	Thomas M. Davies.....	A.P.	1869 Mar. 14	1881 Dec. 1	14	35	49	8	0	3	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	52	45	0	0	0	0	0	10	277		
Foxcroft and Dover.....	1822 Dec. 30	Darius A. Morehouse.....	P.	1865 June 18	1881 Oct. 18	71	174	245	46	7	6	13	7	6	1	16	7	0	240	110	0	0	0	0	0	37	1300		
Garland.....	1810 Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.....	P.	1848 Dec. 12	1848 Dec. 12	38	66	104	17	8	1	9	0	3	0	3	4	1	125	60	35	0	0	0	42	11	0	88	400
Greenville.....	1869 Dec. 5	Charles Davison.....	A.P.	1873 Oct. 21	1873 Oct. 21	15	32	47	12	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	80	70	115	0	0	0	46	0	100	261	640
Monson.....	1821 Aug. 11	Vacant.....	(1)	.....	.....	37	55	92	30	6	0	6	1	5	0	6	6	0	70	45		0	0	0	15	0	0	21	475
Saugerville.....	1828 Aug. 28	Vacant.....		.....	.....	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ten.						262	524	786	176	31	13	44	16	18	1	35	27	8	832	464	195	0	9	223	147	131	705	4055	

(1) William G. Mann. *Lic.* Comm. June 1, 1887.

(1) William G. Mann, Lic. from June 1, 1882.

# SOMERSET CONFERENCE, Reported by Augustus R. Bixby.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 1, 1882.		Added dur'g y'r.		Removed dur'g y'r.		Contributions—(Dollars.)															
Name and Place.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May 1882.	Foreign Missions.	Cong'l Ss. Pub. Soc.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Anson.....	1804 Apr. 19	John Dinamore	A.P.	1852 Nov. 18	1882 Apr. 30	12	22	34	22	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	50	25	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	11	.....	
Anson North.....	1881 Dec. 22	Supplied from Bangor	Sem.	(1).....	.....	1	9	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	45	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Athens.....	1867 June 6	John Dinamore.....	A.P.	1852 Nov. 18	1881 Nov.	12	24	36	11	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	65	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	
Bingham.....	1805 July 24	Vacant	(2).....	.....	.....	19	27	46	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	
Madison.....	1836 Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell	A.P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	30	41	71	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	90	30	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	325	
Madison, East.....	1858 Mar. 24	Orrin J. Hancock.....	A.P.	1867 June 10	1879 May 1	7	13	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	225	
Mercer.....	1822 Oct. 30	Frederic G. Chutter (3)	Lic.	.....	1878 Sept.	1	10	22	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	12	0	2	0	0	8	0	0	10	175	
New Portland, North.....	1869 May 27	Robert M. Peacock	A.P.	1880 June 23	1881 May 7	2	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	.....
Norridgewock.....	1797 Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D. D.	P.	1838 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	25	60	85	29	0	1	6	3	1	13	0	115	65	130	5	0	0	58	40	13	247	575	
Skowhegan, Island Ave.....	1860 Nov. 1	Almon J. Rackliff.....	P.	1882 June 13	1881 June 5	58	149	207	53	4	0	6	5	0	11	4	242	140	20	5	0	21	0	227	273	1775		
Solon.....	1842 Jan. 5	Robert M. Peacock.....	A.P.	1880 June 23	1880 May 1	14	19	33	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	55	45	13	0	0	0	19	0	6	38	250	
Solon, South.....	1806 Sept. 30	Vacant	(1).....	.....	.....	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	
St. Albans.....	1830 June 29	William S. Sewall.....	A.P.	1839 Sept. 25	1864 June 10	6	14	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	9	10	0	0	0	9	1	7	33	200	
Thirteen.						197	413	610	157	6	4	10	18	16	1	35	4	977	450	193	7	0	122	53	253	628	3830	

(1) Frederic T. McLeod, Lic. from July 3, 1882. (2) David T. Williams, Lic. from June 11, 1882. (3) C. O. Wilder, Lic. from July, 1882. \* Union Schools.

# UNION CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Lewis Goodrich.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Contributions—(Dollars.)																	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licensee.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 7, 1882.		Added dur'g y'r.		Removed dur'g y'r.		Families May 7, 1882	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.									
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Albany.....	1803 Sept. 15	Henry H. Hutchinson.	A. P.	1809 Aug. 31	1828 Nov. 23	13	32	45	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	30	13	0	0	0	0	0	20	175	
Bridgton.....	1784 Aug. 26	Osgood W. Rogers.	A. P.	1876 June 21	1878 Nov. 1	46	125	171	50	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	100	27	0	0	12	20	0	64	1000	
Bridgton, North.....	1832 Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.	P.	1872 May 13	1872 May 13	14	41	55	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	53	16	4	32	0	0	0	67	500	
Bridgton, South.....	1829 Dec. 30	William B. Hague.	P.	1860 Sept. 30	1880 Sept. 30	30	69	99	20	5	3	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	30	0	0	98	5	125	258	400	
Brownfield.....	1804 Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan.	A. P.	1867 Dec. 17	1874 Mar. 20	15	27	42	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	36	15	0	0	0	0	0	37	450	
Casco.....	1864 Sept. 19	Isaac H. Libbey.	A. P.	1878 May 17	1880 Aug. 8	13	20	33	0	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	200	
Denmark.....	1829 July 5	William B. Hague.	A. P.	1860 Sept. 30	1881 Nov. 1	6	40	46	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	181	
Freeburg.....	1775 Aug. 21	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	A. P.	1849 Jan. 18	1877 Aug. 1	42	95	137	55	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	11	0	0	15	9	31	73	1308	
Harrison.....	1826 Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.	P.	1872 May 13	1872 May 13	16	25	41	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	0	0	0	0	15	11	5	37	350
Hiram.....	1827 Dec. 19	Zenas Crowell.	A. P.	1877 Dec. 19	1881 June 1	2	17	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	643	
Lovel.....	1798 Oct. 6	Lewis Goodrich.	A. P.	1850 Jan. 1	1878 Dec. 20	40	83	123	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Naples.....	1808 Aug. 10	Vacant.	(2) A. P.	1878 May 17	1880 Aug. 8	6	18	24	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oxford.....	1707 Oct. 23	Isaac H. Libbey.	(2) A. P.	1878 May 17	1880 Aug. 8	17	36	53	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	20	175	
Stowe & (Chatham N. H.).....	1861 Oct. 22	Vacant.	(3) A. P.	1861 Oct. 22	Vacant.	11	20	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	90	
Sweden.....	1817 Nov. 4	Lewis Goodrich.	A. P.	1850 Jan. 1	1878 Dec. 20	11	20	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	135	
Waterford.....	1779 Oct. 2	Jehiel S. Richards.	A. P.	1877 June 22	1880 July 18	22	62	84	32	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	138	0	3	13	40	23	21	460		
Waterford, North.....	1865 June 20	Jehiel S. Richards.	A. P.	1877 June 22	1880 July 18	17	39	56	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	250	
Seventeen.						321	769	1090	265	30	6	45	24	15	0	39	27	0	1015	728	272	0	13	311	103	198	897	6417	

(1) Thomas W. Minnie, Llc. from June 11, 1882. (2) Clarence Pike, Llc. from May 21, 1881, to August 19, 1881. (3) Rev. Henry Farrar, A. P. from June 11, 1882.

# WALDO CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. John A. Ross.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 7, 1882.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.				Contributions—(Dollars.)															
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licensee.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Total.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Belfast, First.....	1796 Dec. 29	John A. Ross.....	P.	1854 June 1	1873 Sept. 14	19	82	101	20	3	0	3	4	2	6	0	7	3	1	90	133	77	0	6	124	10	0	0	224	1700
Belfast, North.....	1846 Sept. 24	Vacant.....	P.	1865 Sept. 7	1876 Nov. 18	6	21	27	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
Camden.....	1805 Sept. 11	Wellington R. Cross.....	P.	1865 Sept. 7	1876 Nov. 18	34	94	128	23	3	1	4	4	2	6	0	3	0	158	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1450
Frankfort.....	1831 Nov. 18	Merrill Blanchard.....	A.P.	1881 Mar. 23	1881 June 1	3	27	30	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Freedom.....	1838 Apr. 14	Vacant.....	A.P.	1881 Sept. 11	1881 Sept. 11	8	26	34	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	175
Jackson and Brooks.....	1812 Oct. 6	William G. Wade.....	A.P.	1865 Sept. 7	1882 Jan. 1	24	43	67	12	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	25	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	300
Rockport.....	1854 June 12	Wellington R. Cross.....	A.P.	1874 Oct. 20	1881 Oct. 1	14	36	50	15	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	48	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	65	
Sandy Point.....	1839 Oct. 16	Daniel W. Hardy.....	A.P.	1874 Oct. 20	1881 Oct. 1	25	43	68	18	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	278	
Searsport, First.....	1815 Oct. 4	Benjamin B. Merrill.....	P.	1876 Nov. 9	1876 Nov. 9	9	47	117	64	43	3	3	6	5	0	3	0	140	180	28	0	0	0	121	35	80	264	1350		
Searsport, Second.....	1855 Sept. 19	Daniel W. Hardy.....	A.P.	1874 Oct. 20	1881 June 1	5	25	30	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	700
Winterport.....	1820 Sept. 17	Merrill Blanchard.....	A.P.	1881 Mar. 23	1870 June 1	5	49	54	21	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	70	100	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1100	
Eleven.....						190	563	753	188	12	8	20	18	12	0	30	10	1	791	662	105	0	6	338	45	87	581	7303		

(1) Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, supplied two months in autumn of 1881. (2) William S. Jerome, Lic. of Auburn Seminary, June, 1882. (3) Preacher Sabbath afternoons.

# WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. FREDERICK E. SHAW.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 7, 1882.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.		Contributi as—(Dollars.)																	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licensed.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Calais	1825 Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully	A.P.	1860 July 17	1876 Feb. 20	54	201	255	43	3	5	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	290	175	72	0	0	152	50	70	350	2000	
Cherryfield	1823 Oct. 29	Edgar M. Cousins	P.	1880 June 9	1880 June 9	15	33	48	3	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5500
Cooper	1826 Feb. 22	Vacant				2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dennysville	1805 Oct. 27	Charles Whittier	P.	1860 Nov. 13	1860 Nov. 13	38	69	107	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	74	29	0	2	40	22	26	119	750	
Eastport	1819 Feb. 7	George W. Kelley	A.P.	1872 Dec. 28	1877 Apr. 16	17	74	91	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	30	0	0	17	15	18	58	760	
East Machias	1816 June 28	Frederick E. Shaw	A.P.	1878 June 13	1878 June 13	13	62	75	23	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	185	74	29	0	0	24	1	0	62	850	
Jonesport	1877 Sept. 11	Vacant				13	29	42	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machias	1782 Sept. 12	Daniel Greene	A.P.	1879 Dec. 18	1879 Oct. 12	67	168	235	45	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	250	74	0	0	102	37	0	213	950	
Machiasport	1831 Jan. 25	Richard H. McGown	P.	1882 Mar. 7	1881 Nov. 7	24	28	52	8	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	70	10	0	0	5	0	0	15	245	
Marshfield	1871 Sept. 14	Richard H. McGown	A.P.	1882 Mar. 7	1881 Nov. 6	17	29	46	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	70	14	0	0	10	0	0	14	345	
Millicott	1846 Oct. 21	Vacant				36	92	128	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
Northfield	1836 Sept. 15	Vacant				9	18	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	1825 Sept. 30	Vacant				6	13	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	
Perry	1822 Oct. 7	Vacant				14	54	68	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Princeton	1858 Dec. 24	George E. Chapin	A.P.	1879 Aug. 20	1881 Apr. 1	24	36	60	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	51	0	0	0	57	0	0	57	702	
Robbinston	1811 Nov. 24	Daniel E. Smith	A.P.	1881 Nov. 16	1882 Jan. 1	19	42	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	8	0	0	14	0	0	22	130	
Topsfield	1801 Nov. 6	Vacant				4	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whiting	1833 Nov. 9	Vacant				6	21	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitneyville	1836 Dec. 7	Richard H. McGown	A.P.	1882 Mar. 7	1881 Nov. 6	15	23	38	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Nineteen.						303	1006	1309	264	15	4	19	18	8	0	26	10	41	755	1040	386	0	2	523	123	120	1154	9251	

(1) O. J. McIntyre *Lic.*; (2) Charles L. Skinner *Lic.*; (3) John W. Todd *Lic.*; (4) J. E. Tuttle *Lic.*; (5) David T. Williams *Lic.*; each three months from July, 1881.

(6) Re-organized 1878, October 12.



Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Death.	Dismission.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education	Congregational Union	Home Missions.	Arm. Miss'y Association	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.		
Acton .....	1781 Sept. 18	William S. Thompson.	A.P.	1800 Oct. 17	1869 Jan. 1	61	35	94	33	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	62	38	36	0	0	0	0	0	93	350		
Alfred .....	1791 Sept. 8	George Michael.	A.P.	1874 Jan. 31	1881 Nov. 15	27	31	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	328	0	0	100	90	40	10	52	0	0	0	180	833		
Biddeford, First .....	1730 Apr. 30	Vacant				1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Biddeford, Second .....	1805 Mar. 1	George H. Wilson	P.	1876 Sept. 5	1880 May 2	69	170	239	58	10	12	0	0	0	7	8	1	225	175	74	17	43	20	50	80	330	2440		
Biddeford, Pavilion .....	1857 Oct. 20	Vacant				37	150	187	49	1	1	0	0	0	5	2	1	123	85	90	4	0	0	0	23	119	425		
Buxton .....	1763 Mar. 16	William A. Merrill	A.P.	1852 Oct. 27	1881 May 1	27	71	98	24	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	75	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	425		
Buxton, North .....	1763 Mar. 16	William A. Merrill	A.P.	1852 Oct. 27	1881 May 1	11	30	41	10	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	55	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175		
Cornish .....	1840 Sept. 16	Zenas Crowell	A.P.	1877 Dec. 19	1881 June 1	18	389	57	50	1	1	0	0	0	28	1	0	80	70	8	0	0	0	0	7	33	350		
Elliot .....	1725 June 22	David S. Hibbard.	A.P.	1800 July 1	1878 Oct. 1	12	40	52	9	0	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	70	45	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	525	
Kennebunk, Union .....	1825 Aug. 13	George A. Lockwood.	P.	1870 Nov. 20	1880 May 20	24	77	101	24	2	3	1	0	0	7	0	0	108	60	68	0	0	0	0	0	8	107	1200	
Kennebunkport, First .....	1720 Nov.	Charles H. Gates	A.P.	1851 Nov. 11	1874 Feb. 1	1	70	77	14	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	35	35	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	425	
Kennebunkport, Second .....	1828 Jan. 10	Charles H. Gates	A.P.	1851 Nov. 11	1874 Feb. 1	1	18	43	63	12	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	36	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	04	1000
Kittery .....	1714 Nov. 4	Prescott Fay	A.P.	1856 Feb. 27	1881 May 1	5	20	25	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	25	23	0	0	0	0	0	20	.....	
Lebanon .....	1753 June 25	Benjamin Dodge	A.P.	1848 Oct. 10	1877 Nov. 18	14	35	49	19	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	50	20	70	0	0	0	0	10	112	700		
Limerick .....	1755 July 5	Vacant				28	42	70	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	750	
Limaington .....	1780 Oct. 11	Eddy T. Pitts	P.	1852 Feb. 8	1882 Feb. 8	8	26	72	108	30	12	1	0	0	5	0	0	70	45	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	400	
Lymann .....	1801 Dec. 2	George F. Tewksbury	A.P.	1838 Jan. 31	1876 June 1	1	52	79	10	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	85	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	630
Newfield .....	1801 July 1	Vacant				15	16	31	6	1	3	4	1	0	4	1	0	80	70	80	7	0	0	0	0	0	34	400	
Parsonsfield .....	1755 Jan. 1	Vacant				4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	
Saco .....	1792 Oct. 13	Charles E. Stone	P.	1878 Dec. 30	1881 Nov. 30	43	138	181	0	935	24	2	1	0	3	0	1	85	40	1	0	0	0	0	27	122	1628		
Sanford .....	1785 July 19	Henry J. Stone	A.P.	1879 Dec. 25	1877 Nov. 11	16	28	44	9	0	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	85	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	405	
Sanford, South .....	1785 July 19	Vacant				5	19	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Shapleigh .....	1821 Oct. 23	Vacant				1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.....	
South Berwick .....	1762 June 4	George Lewis.	A.P.	1805 Dec. 13	1874 Jan. 15	19	34	43	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	100	80	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	408	.....
Wells, First .....	1701 Oct. 29	Alpha Morton	A.P.	1844 Feb. 13	1880 Oct. 24	45	70	121	41	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	117	67	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	740	
Wells, Second .....	1833 Aug. 23	Henry T. Arnold	A.P.	1871 Sept. 27	1880 Feb. 18	43	74	117	18	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	100	75	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	800
York, First .....	1672 Dec. 3	David B. Sewall	A.P.	1872 Jan. 19	1873 Dec. 3	22	77	99	20	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	83	77	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	1100	
York, Second .....	1732 .....	Joseph Freeman	A.P.	1844 Mar. 10	1869 Aug. 1	10	33	43	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	37	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	450	
Twenty-eight.						629	1016	2245	494	74	43	117	60	18	6	78	66	1029	1333	775	21	175	728	217	302	2270	16171		

(1)—Rev. Amos Redlon, A. P. from July 23, 1882.

•For Cong'l Sabbath School and Publishing Society.

# SUMMARY for the Year ending May 7, 1882.---General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1876.

Name.	MINISTERS.			CHURCHES.					Church Members May 7, 1882.			Added dur'g y'r.			Removed during year, or Loss.			Contributions—(Dollars)																		
	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentiate.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Latter.	Death.	Discipline.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath Schools.	Whole No. May, 1882.	Families, May, 1882.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Cong. S. S. & Pub. Soc.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.		
Aroostook	1846	1	3	0	4	1	1	0	1	132	233	365	597	7	75,184	40,690	1	0	0	0	0	61	3	293	220	21	0	0	8	12	0	0	0	151	2708	34940
Cumberland	1822	13	8	24	0	24	24	0	48	853	1807	2660	434	46	43	80	43	4	4,110	74	0	31	710	404	1062	200,120	0	0	3401	974	25	5007	13551	34940	28560	
Cumberland North	1878	8	9	19	0	19	19	0	38	205	489	754	170	33	10	43	16	17	4,110	74	0	27	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560	3440	
Franklin	1839	4	5	11	0	11	11	0	22	261	589	850	197	10	19	23	5	4	32	13	8	6	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560		
Hancock	1825	4	5	11	0	11	11	0	22	261	589	850	197	10	19	23	5	4	32	13	8	6	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560		
Kennebec	1825	4	5	11	0	11	11	0	22	261	589	850	197	10	19	23	5	4	32	13	8	6	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560		
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	1825	4	5	11	0	11	11	0	22	261	589	850	197	10	19	23	5	4	32	13	8	6	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560		
Oxford	1824	4	5	11	0	11	11	0	22	261	589	850	197	10	19	23	5	4	32	13	8	6	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560		
Penobscot	1825	4	5	11	0	11	11	0	22	261	589	850	197	10	19	23	5	4	32	13	8	6	1306	802	12	23	169	330	0	107	428	3440	3440	28560		
Piscataquis	1812	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	6	10	262	524	786	176	31	13	44	16	18	1	35	9	8	832	450	11	0	0	122	53	7	253	628	3830		
Somerset	1827	1	4	5	0	5	5	0	10	137	413	610	157	6	4	10	18	16	1	35	27	8	977	466	11	0	0	122	53	7	253	628	3830			
Union	1831	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	6	171	709	1090	275	30	6	40	25	12	0	36	0	27	1015	728	27	2	13	311	103	0	168	897	6417	6417		
Waldo	1848	3	2	5	0	5	5	0	10	321	563	753	188	12	8	20	18	12	0	36	10	10	791	642	105	0	4	338	40	0	87	591	7363	7363		
Washington	1829	2	1	3	0	3	3	0	6	195	1006	1399	494	15	4	19	18	8	0	27	0	6	1757	1040	396	0	2	523	123	0	120	1154	9261	9261		
York	1822	1	12	13	0	13	13	0	26	626	1016	1493	2122	494	74	43	117	40	18	0	36	0	16	5017	1323	1775	21175	0	728	217	1	392	2279	16171	16171	
Fifteen.		87	85	172	0	172	172	0	344	6170	14937	21222	4730	483	306	780	441	301	35	176	154	140	27612	21933	5771	10178	23490	1048	8392	703	1014	3816	188779	188779		

PASTORS INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1882, six; ordained and installed, two; ordained without installation, six; dismissed, nine.  
 CHURCHES.—with Pastors, 67; with Acting Pastors, 10; supplied by Licentiate, 14,574. Gain in numbers reported, 382, 10178; Home Missions, \$10,498; American Missionary Association, \$3112; College and Education Society, \$634; American Congregational Union, \$849; Congregational Publishing Society, \$79; other objects, \$11,014; total, \$38,165.  
 HOME EXHIBITIONS.—Reported by 202 Churches, \$188,779.

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## COUNTY CONFERENCES.

### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June. Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846. Semi-annual meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Sherman, Oct. 21, 22, 23, 1881. Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, former pastor in Sherman, *Moderator pro tem.* Sermons, on Friday evening, by Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Presque Isle, Rev. 2: 25—Holding fast to God by prayer; Saturday evening, by Rev. Richard S. Whidden, of Caribou, Galatians 6: 17—The christian's duty; Sabbath A. M., Conference sermon, by the Moderator, followed by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by him and Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor; P. M., ordination of Isaac C. Bumpus; evening, sermon by George W. Stearns, of Patten, Phil. 4: 8—"Whatsoever things are true," etc. Topics for discussion—A church—what it is; what distinguishes a Congregational church; the church as an organization for christian work; relation of the church to the country, and to the world. Prayer-meeting, 9 o'clock, Sabbath morning, and special devotional exercises at other times. The work of the Maine Missionary Society was presented by Secretary Adams. Verbal reports of the churches were given.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Houlton, June 17, 18, 1882. Dea. Charles F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, *Moderator.* Opened with a devotional meeting, led by Rev. E. P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield. Sermon, Saturday evening, Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten, Lev. 11: 45, l. c.; Theme—holiness; Sabbath morning, by Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton—on the principles of Congregationalism; P. M., by Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield, Matt. 6: 10—Theme, the kingdom of God; Lord's Supper administered by Revs. B. P. Snow, and E. P. Eastman.

Topics for discussion during the session: I—The religion for the times; 1—evangelical; 2—intelligent; 3—practical; 4—progressive. II—The Sabbath School—its relation to the church; the pastor; the community. Report of the churches by delegates. Praise-meeting conducted by Rev. B. P. Snow, Saturday evening. Gospel temperance meeting, Sabbath evening, in which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was represented by Mrs. C. F. A. Johnson. In an interesting address; remarks were made by Dea. Johnson, and Dea. L. B. Rogers; selections read by Miss Carpenter and Miss Lovejoy. A minute was adopted by the Conference in reference to the death of Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Presque Isle.

ISAAC CRAFTS BUMPUS, (Faith Training College, Boston, 1878) ordained in Sherman, as an evangelist, October 23, 1881. Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Presque Isle, *Moderator* of the Council; George W. Stearns, of Patten,

*Scribe.* Singing by a quartette; invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Richard S. Whidden; hymn; prayer, Rev. F. H. Osgood, of Patten; hymn sermon and ordaining prayer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor; text and theme of sermon, 2 Cor. 5: 20—The work of an ambassador for Christ; charge, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport; right hand, by the Moderator; hymn prayer by the Scribe; benediction by Rev. Isaac C. Bumpus.

Rev. BENJAMIN POOR SNOW, (Bowdoin, 1855; Bangor, 1861.) acting-pastor at Houlton, from November 1, 1881.

Rev. EDWARD PAYSON EASTMAN, (Bangor Sem. 1871) acting-pastor at Fort Fairfield, from January 1, 1882.

GEORGE WARREN STEARNS, (Amherst, 1878; Andover, 1881,) acting-pastor at Patten and Island Falls, from July 9, 1881.

Rev. WOODBURY S. KIMBALL, died at Presque Isle, January 30, 1882, where he had been acting-pastor from August 1, 1880. (See Necrology.) His mother, Mrs. Mary Harris Kimball, died in Newburyport, Mass., Feb. 24, 1882.

Rev. Richard S. Whidden, pastor at Caribou, from Nov. 17, 1879, resigned in May. Now at Standish.

Rev. Charles C. Beaman, first pastor at Houlton, 1839-'40, preached one Sabbath in Windsor, Vt., where he was spending the summer of '81 with a son. He was 82 years of age last August.

Rev. William T. Savage, pastor in Houlton, 1844-'49, is remembered by his church in Franklin, N. H., to whom he afterwards ministered, by a memorial window for Dr. S. and his wife, in their new church edifice.

Rev. William T. Sleeper, who was at Patten, Island Falls, and Sherman between 1863 and 1872, is earnestly pursuing his work as City Missionary in Worcester, Mass. His son, W. W. Sleeper, supplied the chapel at Lakeville during his Seminary vacation last summer. He is under appointment by the Am. Bd. C. F. M., to go to Bulgaria, Turkey.

Rev. George W. Reynolds, at Patten in 1879, is acting-pastor at Stewart Iowa. Willie P. Leslie died in Patten, January 18, 1882, at 27.

The church in Patten have made an extension to the gallery of their church edifice, and thus provided a pleasant chapel for social meetings, with a movable partition between. Expense, \$100.

The church in Houlton are to build a chapel and vestry.

The church edifice in Presque Isle is to be repaired and improved. A chapel and ladies' parlor will also be provided.

The people at Limestone, propose to build a Union Meeting House, this summer.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Caribou, Henry W. Allan; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. George B. Page; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Laroy Miles; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Leonard H. Caldwell.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Caribou, Samuel Taylor; (Carroll and Springfield.) (Fort Fairfield.) Houlton, Edward R. Hanscomb; Island Falls, Alpheus Craig; (Lee,) Passadumkeag, (Union) O. O. Stewart; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, W. C. Hamilton; Sherman, Leonard H. Caldwell.

Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield, *Scribe, Reporter, and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting in Fort Fairfield, September, 1882.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851. The rules provide for a meeting the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of the Conference.

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the First church in Cape Elizabeth, October 18, 19, 1881. Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Moderator*. Tuesday A. M., Prayer-meeting led by Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, who also preached the opening sermon, Mark 4: 26—29.—The method of spiritual husbandry. Topics for remarks:—Personal consecration, opened by Rev. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth; christian growth, and individual service, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, Standish; organized service,—the church, George B. Buzelle, Portland; the church a means, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; what not to read, Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland; what to read, Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Portland; how to read, Rev. S. Winchester, Deering; the sin and ruin of the world, Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland; the Gospel means of salvation, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; the Gospel to be preached confidently, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth. A praise-meeting was held during a portion of Tuesday evening, conducted by Rev. E. A. Harlow. Conference sermon, Rev. Edward E. Bacon, Saccarappa, John 12: 32. "And I, if I be lifted up," etc. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Dwight W. Seward, and Charles A. Dickinson, Portland.

THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Deering, Woodford's Corner, June 13, 14, 1882. James W. Stephenson, of Portland, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., of West church, Portland, Phil. 3: 13, 14. "I press towards the mark," etc. Conference sermon, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of St. Lawrence ch., Portland, Rev. 3: 2. "Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain," etc. Topics for discussion.—Why should every christian belong to the church; on transferring church relations to the place of residence; the most effective methods for reaching the young; no revival,—does it necessarily denote no progress; the present religious condition of sea-faring men. Addresses were made in reference to the meeting of the Am. B. C. F. M. at Portland, in October. 1—Preparing for the meeting; 2—Expected blessings from the meeting; 3—The duties and privileges of Christian hospitality. Report of the churches, by Rev. E. S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills. All but four of the 22 churches were represented at this Conference. There were three prayer-meetings. A telegram was received bearing the greetings from Penobscot Conference, in the words of Titus 3: 15, and 2 Cor. 13: 11. Answering greetings were sent in the words of 1 Thess. 3: 8, 9, and 2 Thess. 3: 16. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John G. Wilson, of Portland, and Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth. "The hospitality of the church was ample and most cordial, and the spirit of the meeting was excellent."

Rev. DWIGHT M. SEWARD, D. D., (Yale C. 1831, Yale Sem. 1835) installed pastor of Plymouth church, Portland, June 22, 1881. (See Minutes 1881, p. 64.) On the evening of the next day, the members of the congregation, with many friends, clerical and lay, from the other churches, also gave to the new pastor the right hand of welcome. Vines, ferns and flowers adorned the room. The mottoes, "Welcome," "Charity," "Lentily," were upon the walls. At the close of the supper which had been provided, Mr. George M. Seiders, who presided, greeted the pastor in the name of the church. He was followed by other members of the church and society. Mr. William E. Gould spoke for "Our sister churches." The pastor to all made a felicitous reply. The musical part of the programme was responded to by Miss Blanchard, organist of the church, and Miss Kennard, and Mr. A. E. Pennell, of the choir. Reported, Portland Press, June 24.

Rev. EDWARD Y. HINCKS dismissed from State St. church, Portland, May 26, 1881. See record Minutes 1881, p. 65.

Rev. JOHN P. TROWBRIDGE, pastor at Standish, from Sept. 17, 1874, dismissed by Council, November 8, 1881. Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Port-

land, *Moderator*; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, *Scribe*. Record Ch. Mir., Nov. 12. Removed to Putnam, Conn.; accepts call to West Woodstock Conn.

Rev. RICHARD SMITH WHIDDEN, (Mt. Allison Coll., Sackville. N. B., 1875; Bangor Seminary 1879,) acting-pastor at Standish, from June, 1882.

Rev. JOHN F. MORGAN, acting-pastor West church, Portland, from Nov. 5 1874, resigns July, 1881, and removes to Springfield, Mass. Resolutions of church, Ch. Mir., July 9, 1881.

Rev. JOHN CALVIN HOLBROOK, D. D., (late Sec. N. Y. Home Miss'y Society acting-pastor of West ch., Portland, from Nov. 20, 1881. Residence, 103 Congress street.



High Street Church, Portland, 1831.

In 1852, a colony of forty-eight members were set off, to form State St. church. In 1862, the West Chapel church was organized chiefly through the influence and co-operation of High St. church.

On Sabbath afternoon, the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Chickering and the pastor; remarks being added by each.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIGH STREET CHURCH PORTLAND, organized September 9 1831, was observed Oct. 2, 3, 1881.

An historical address was delivered by the present pastor, Rev. William H. Fenn, Sabbath morning, Oct. 2 Text,—Lev. 25: 10—"Ye shall hal low the fiftieth year." The church edifice was dedicated Jan'y 18, 1832. Galleries were added in 1836. The rear of the edifice was burned Feb. 2 1869. It was rebuilt and remodeled and dedicated Dec. 30, 1869. A debt of \$20,000, was paid in 1871. In 1879 the interior of the building was decorated; and in 1880, the vestry was refitted and decorated.

There have been three pastors. Rev. George C. Beckwith, installed Aug. 8 1832, dismissed Jan. 5, 1835, afterward Secretary of the American Peace Society; died May 12, 1870, æt 70.

Rev. John W. Chickering, installed April 2, 1835. Seven hundred and eighty were added to the church during his ministry of thirty years.—over four hundred on confession of faith. The revival of 1840, gathered in more than one hundred. Dr. Chickering was released from his charge March 29, 1865. Rev. William H. Fenn was installed July 25, 1866. During the fifteen years of his pastorate, two hundred and fifty-seven have been added to its membership. The present membership is 397. Average annual contribution for benevolences, \$3,500. The covenant of the church is the identical one used by Dr. Payson.



High Street Church, Portland, 1881.

inter living of the Council which organized the church; Rev. Horatio Hsley, Rev. John W. Chickering, Jr., Mrs. Julia D. Hyde, one of the oldest members living, William Goold, R. W. Lincoln, and others. Remarks were made by Hon. Charles W. Goddard, Rev. Dr. Chickering, and Pastor Fenn.

The proceedings are published by Dea. Brown-Thurston, of Portland, in a neat pamphlet of one hundred pages, twelve mo. with diagrams of the pews, and the names of those occupying them, in 1832—1840, in 1851, 1867, 1870, and 1881,—with reminiscences by Lewellyn Deane, Esq., of Washington, D. C. On the cover is a view of the church edifice 1831, and 1881.

Report of the anniversary is in the Portland Press, Oct. 3, 4; Christian Mir., Oct. 8. Reminiscences by L. Deane, in Ch. Mir., Feb. 4, 1882; Portland Press, Apr. 18, and in an octavo pamphlet of 16 pages.

The semi-centennial anniversary of the Sabbath School of High St. church, Portland, was observed June 18, 1882. Historical address by Dea. Brown-Thurston, a former Superintendent. This is published in a twelve mo. pamphlet of sixteen pps. with the report of William M. Marks, the Superintendent for 1882. Meeting reported in Portland Press, June 19, and Ch. Mir., June 24.

In the evening, Dr. Chickering made brief remarks, and at his request, Pastor Fenn read a paper which Dr. Chickering had prepared, giving a brief account of the early history of the church, and reminiscences of his connection with it. A letter was read from Rev. John J. Carruthers of the Second and mother church, and remarks by Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, pastor of the same church; remarks by Mr. Woodbury S. Dana, of the State Street ch., (the daughter) they now being without a pastor; by Rev. Frank E. Clark, pastor of the Williston ch., (a grand-daughter;) and Rev. Ephraim C. Cummings, connected from boyhood with High St. church. A poem, written by Charles P. Hsley, one of the original petitioners for the organization of the church, was sung by the choir.

On Monday evening, Oct. 3, a social festival was held in the circle and lecture-rooms of the church. The ladies had invited all who had been in any way connected with the church and society, to be present. At least three hundred responded.

The rooms and the tables were adorned with flowers; and pictures graced the walls. A blessing was craved by Rev. Dr. Chickering, on serving the refreshments. After cordial greetings and conversation, Pastor Fenn read letters which had been received; among them, Rev. David Shepley, D. D., the only min-

The church edifice at Westbrook, Saccarappa, has been repaired, and a new pipe organ provided. . . The West church, Portland, have completed a vestry in what was the gallery, over the vestibule, with a front of glass which may be opened to the audience room.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, former pastor of State Street church, Portland, went to Germany in August, 1881 (17) with his wife and daughter. Mr. Hincks will attend lectures in Berlin, and elsewhere—to be absent a year or more. . . Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, pastor in Deering, 1875-'6, accepts a call to Independence, Kansas, Dec., 1881. . . Rev. John P. Evans, at Cape Elizabeth, 1873-'77, now at Bangor, Wisconsin. . . Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, pastor Plymouth church, Portland, 1877-'8, installed pastor of First church, Northampton, Mass., April 26, 1882.

The First Anniversary of "The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor," in Williston church, Portland, was held February 12, 1882—active members 130; honorary members, 25.—Reported Ch. Mir., February 12. A similar society was formed in February, in St. Lawrence Street church, Portland; and in the West church, Portland, in March. Articles on topics connected with the subject of christian effort among the young, are published in the Congregationalist, August 24, '81, and May 17, '82; Ch. Mir., December 17, '81, and March 5, '82. Rev. F. E. Clark, of Portland has written a tract entitled,—"The Children at the Church Doors."

A Conference of Societies for Christian Endeavor, was held in Portland, June 2, 1882. W. H. Pennell, *President*; J. W. Stevenson, *Secretary*; Rev. F. E. Clark, Rev. C. A. Dickinson, and Henry H. Burgess, *Executive Committee*. Societies are organized in Williston, Second, and St. Lawrence Street churches, Portland; Central church, Bath; and church in Hampden,—in the aggregate numbering 481 members. Reported Ch. Mir., June 10, '82.

THE PORTLAND CONGREGATIONAL CLUB, have had monthly meetings from October, 1881, to June 1882. The chief topics discussed were:—Oct. 3,—The attitude of the church toward moral reform movements, opened by Rev. Charles D. Burrows, of Lowell, Mass. On this subject, and the other topics introduced during the season, others took part in the discussions, after being introduced by the persons named. Nov. 13,—The pernicious reading for young people, and the remedy, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland. Dec. 12,—Artificial reforms. Judge Enoch Knight, of Portland. Jan. 9, 1882,—Modern doubt, William E. Gould, of Portland. Feb. 15,—How can we satisfy the demand of our feeble churches for an able ministry, Rev. George W. Field, Bangor. March 13,—The transient and permanent in historical churches, Rev. Asa Dalton, of Portland. April 10,—Our public schools, and their critics, Arthur B. Morrill, Esq., of Portland. May 8.—Sunday School literature of the present day. Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Deering. June 12.—The causes of modern crime. Hon. George F. Talbot, of Portland. A poem was delivered by Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland, Feb. 15—Subject—Winter; and June 12, by the same.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, *President*; Wm. W. Thomas, and Sidney W. Thaxter, *Vice-Presidents*; A. G. Dewey, *Secretary*; John F. Liscomb, *Treasurer*; F. C. Payson, *Auditor*; Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, Charles J. Chapman, John J. Gerrish, *Nominating Committee*.

The committee of fifteen to consider the entire subject of the work and welfare of the American Home Missionary Society, taking such action, and making such report as they may think advisable, met several times during the year, at Chicago, St. Louis, and New York. Wm. E. Gould, of Portland, *Chairman*; Rev. Arthur Little, Chicago, *Secretary*. Reports have been published in Ch. Mir., Nov. 5, 12, '81; Congregationalist, May 17, 1882, and in other papers. Com. of W. E. Gould, Ch. Mir., Feb. 4, 1882.



Meetings to promote Temperance have been held during the year in the churches of the county. Several meetings were held in City Hall, Portland, in which the ministers and laity took part. Resolutions of the Second church, Portland, in Ambassador for June, 1882... Robert Treat Paine, President of the Associated Charities of Boston, delivered an address in State St. church, Portland, Dec. 4, 1881, on the modern methods of charity. A society similar to that in Boston, has been formed in Portland, with the design of improving and systematizing the manner of bestowing charity... Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D., preached the sermon before the Bosworth Post of the G. A. R., Portland, in Plymouth ch., May 28. Portland Press, May 29.

An anti-polygamy meeting was held in Plymouth church, Portland, Monday evening, Jan. 23, 1882. Ex-Governor Lot M. Morrill, presided, who with Judge C. W. Goddard, George F. Emery, Esq., and Rev. Asa Dalton, addressed the meeting. A series of earnest resolutions were adopted. Devotional exercises by Rev. D. M. Seward, D. D... George T. Angell, of Boston, President of the Massachusetts Humane Society, delivered an address on the humane treatment of dumb animals, at Portland, in March... An association auxiliary to the New England Anti-Divorce League, was formed in Portland, May 19. Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, Chairman; Rev. Henry S. Burroughs, of Portland, Secretary; Revs. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, and others, took part in the meeting. Resolutions on divorce by the Cumberland Association, are published in Ch. Mir., Feb. 14, 1882.

Rev. William B. Oleson engaged in educational work at Sandwich Islands, gave an address in Williston church, Portland, Sabbath eve, July 31, 1881, on christian work in the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Secretaries Clark and Alden, of the American Board C. F. M., presented the claims of foreign missions in Portland, at several of the churches, with a union meeting in the evening, on the Sabbath of April 30.

Rev. William Bailey, of Hartford, Conn., preached to deaf mutes, of whom thirty were present, at the First church, Portland, in November. It was interpreted to the hearing ears by Judge Goddard.

The reading room of the Second church, Portland, was formally opened February 22, 1882. F. W. Bucknam, President of the Association. Rev. F. E. Clark, Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, Wm. D. Little, and others, delivered addresses. In the Young People's Course of Lectures, the pastor, A. B. Morrill, G. H. Pray, Dr. Gerrish, Dr. Spalding, and others, have presented interesting topics. The Ambassador, published monthly for this church, commenced its fourth vol. Dec., 1881, in an improved and enlarged form, 8 pp. quarto. Some of the numbers contain a sermon by the pastor. A series of articles have appeared on "Our churches, and its ministry," (in Portland) by Wm. D. Little. It notices the affairs of the church, its meetings, and any thing special in its membership. The May number is devoted to the anticipated meeting of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., in that city, in October, so preparing the way for an appreciative reception of it.

The sixty-fifth anniversary of the Sabbath School was held May 14. Addresses by Rev. F. E. Clark, and the pastor. The history of this church, by W. D. Little, published in Ambassador, No. 3. June number.

SEAMEN.—Rev. Francis Southworth, of the Bethel church, Portland, issued a circular Nov. 26, 1881, in which he states that 316 libraries have been sent out from Portland, during the last twelve years. During the year, twenty-six new libraries, one thousand five hundred packages of tracts, papers, etc., and pleas for aid and sympathy in christian work, among seamen. The Ambassador, Portland, for February, 1882, devotes its last page to articles touching this cause.

FREEDMEN.—Miss Anna E. Farrington of Portland, now at Wilmington, N. C., has an appeal to the christian women of Maine, in behalf of the Freedmen,

in Ch. Mir., Aug. 13, 1881. A cut representing the buildings at Wilmington was in the Ch. Mir., May 6, 1882. Miss Annie Chandler, is also at Wilmington, commissioned by the Am. M. Asso. She is principal of a large school for Freedmen, in a building erected by Mr. Gregory, of Marblehead, Mass. The ladies of High St. church, Portland, of which she is a member, and of the Sabbath School, in which she was a teacher, are raising money to furnish a room, to be called the Portland room. Miss Alice Carter, employed by the Women's Home Missionary Association, reported at Portland, in November, her work among the Freedmen at Nashville, Tenn.

The Young Men's Christian Association, of Portland, have been active in christian work, sustaining prayer and gospel meetings, lectures, gymnastic apparatus, reading room, and library, and special meetings, lectures, and entertainments for boys. A neat card has been provided, containing the order of service, and topics for Monday evening. The Maine Bible Society supplied them with fifty Bibles, and one hundred Testaments. The Association design to raise funds to furnish better facilities for prosecuting their work. The 29th annual meeting was held in City Hall, June 28. Report by H. P. Winter, Secretary. Addresses by Revs. R. R. Meredith, of Boston, and T. Dewitt Talmage, of New York.

NECROLOGY.—Mrs. Catherine, wife of Rev. Luther Wiswall, Windham, June 24, 1881, æt 67; in memoriam, Ch. Mir. July 23; Miss Ellen K., his only daughter, Aug. 12, æt 47...Capt. Edward Waite, in Portland, July 31, æt 88; one of Dr. Payson's church; in 1858 Capt. W. was one of those who united in forming the St. Lawrence Street church, and has been from the first its senior deacon; W., in Ch. Mir., Aug. 6...Dr. Warren Greene, at sea on his passage home Sept. 10, æt 50; President of the Maine Medical Society, Lecturer at Bowdoin College, and one of the foremost surgeons in New England; Portland Press, and Lewiston Journal, Sept. 15; memorial service held in High St. church, Portland, Oct. 9...Joshua Maxwell, Treasurer, of the Maine Missionary Society, 1865, to June, 1881, in Portland, Nov. 10, 1881, æt 75...Thomas Laurens Smith, in Windham, June 2, 1882, æt 84; Mr. S. was a son of Thomas Smith; a grandson of Rev. Peter Thatcher Smith, Pastor at Windham, 1762 to 1796, who died in 1826, æt 95,—and great grand-son of Rev. Thomas Smith, who was pastor of First church in Falmouth, now Portland, from 1727, and who died at Portland, in 1795, æt 93; Mr. S. held all the important offices of the town, wrote its history, and delivered the centennial address...Mrs. Sally Stickney, a member of Second church, Portland, in Brownfield, Feb. 3, 1882, æt 94.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Baldwin, Mrs. E. A. Richardson; Cape Elizabeth First, Mrs. E. F. Flint; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonias, S. H. Davis; Deering First, Dea. Hiram H. Dow, 99 Oak St., Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Charles F. Safford; Falmouth First, Alfred Merrill, West Falmouth; Falmouth Second, Henry L. Waite; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Portland Second, John W. D. Carter, 816 Congress st.; High Street, Richard Abbot; Fourth, Charles F. Eastman; Bethel, Rev. F. Southworth; State Street, Edward P. Oxnard, 91 Winter st.; St. Lawrence Street, George L. Gerrish; West Congregational, Miss Adriana M. Carlton, 1020 Congress st.; Plymouth, Samuel Lord, 99 High st.; Williston, Franklin Agge, 15 Cushman st.; Scarboro, Rev. H. G. Storer; Standish, Miss Abby M. Lowell; Westbrook Second, Dea Harlan P. Murch, Saccarappa; Westbrook, Warren, Cumberland Mills, Dea James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Baldwin, Mrs. A. J. Ricker; Cape Elizabeth, First, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Ligonias, William Thomas; (Deering First.) Deering, Woodford's Corner, H. H. Nevens; Falmouth First, Rev. Arthur N. Ward; Falmouth Second, Herbert Patten; Gorham, John A. Hinkley; Portland Second, R. W. Turner; High Street, William M. Marks; Abyssinian Fourth, Alfred F. Clark; Bethel, John M.

Gould; State Street. A. G. Dewey; St. Lawrence Street, Albert L. Snowman; West. John H. Shaw; Plymouth, Charles S. D. Griffin, Jr.; Williston, J. Frost Jefferts; Scarboro. Simon Libbey; Standish ———; Westbrook, Saccarappa, Edwin J. Haskell; Westbrook, Warren, Erwin B. Newcomb; Windham, Joseph Dougherty.

Rev. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next meeting with First church, at Falmouth, October 17, 18, 1882, or October 24, 25, at discretion of Committee.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. *Members*.—Minutes 1879, p. 90.

Rev. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, *Scribe of Association*.

*General Committee of Arrangements for the Meeting of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., of Portland*, in the City Hall, October 3—6, 1882. Rev. C. A. Dickinson, *Chairman*; Rufus H. Hinkley, *Secretary*; Hon. W. W. Thomas, *Treasurer*; Rev. W. H. Fenn, Rev. F. E. Clark, Prentiss Loring.

### CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Formed in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in New Gloucester, Oct. 18, 19, 1881. Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Preston B. Wing, Freeport, Ps. 81: 10,—Some grounds for the christian's confidence. Conference sermon, Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of North Yarmouth, (Scribe) 2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.—The constraining love of Christ. Topics for remarks—The christian law of beneficence; doctrinal preaching, as viewed from the pulpit and the pew; the Holy Scriptures—their late revision, and their sufficiency; what is church work; how to set a church at work. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Joseph S. Cogswell, of West Auburn, and Collins G. Burnham, South Freeport.

The Moderator was appointed a Committee to act in connection with others, in rendering assistance to the mission among the deaf mutes of the State.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Cumberland, June 13, 14, 1882. Rev. Collins G. Burnham, of South Freeport, *Moderator*. Conference sermon, by Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, Rom. 8: 14—17. Theme—The Sons of God. Topic for discussion—What shall we do to build up a holy church, opened by four addresses; 1, By holding up a true christian ideal, Rev. G. S. Dickerman; 2, By secret prayer and personal consecration, Rev. J. Torrey, D. D.; 3, By study of the Scriptures, Rev. W. P. Fisher; 4, By christian fellowship, and mutual helpfulness, Rev. H. H. Osgood. The topic was further discussed by Dea. S. H. Murry, and Revs. H. H. Osgood, Dickerman, Fisher, and R. Wickett. Tuesday P. M., there was discussed the question—What shall we do for our Sunday Schools, Revs. Burnham, J. S. Batchelder, Dickerman, and Wickett, and Bro. Chapin, took part. Rev. G. S. Dickerman then gave an address on the topic, "What shall we do for moral reform." The subject for the morning of the second day—What shall we do for the conversion of sinners; 1, By preaching, Rev. F. W. Sanborn; 2, By the prayer-meeting, Rev. E. Bean; 3, By mission efforts in outlying districts, Dea. A. C. Chandler; 4, By personal effort, Rev. C. G. Burnham; 5, By consistent example, Rev. J. S. Batchelder. Rev. E. Bean, presented the cause of temperance, followed by Mr. Starbird, of Gray, and Rev. L. Reynolds, of Auburn. Rev. F. D. Kelsey reported, as collected for the Deaf Mutes Mission, \$33.43. The

Communion sermon was by Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, John 150, 51. Theme—The ministration of angels. Administration of the Lord's Supper, Revs. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, and Rev. Wm. H. Haskell, of Falmouth, assisted by Deas. Chandler, Rowe, Hascall, and Plummer. The sessions of this Conference are reported as "large and enthusiastic."

Rev. JOHN STOCKMAN BATCHELDER, (Williams, 1852, Andover, 1856) acting-pastor of West Auburn church, from April 23, 1882.

Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, acting-pastor at West Auburn, from Oct. 31, 1877, closed labors Oct. 31, 1881. Resolutions adopted by the church, Ch. Mir Oct. 29. Installed pastor at Windham, N. H., Dec. 21, 1881.

Rev. Frederic E. Emrich, pastor at Mechanic Falls, from July 25, 1877, called to the Tabernacle church, Chicago, Ill., May, 1882. Council called Jun 27, of which Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, was *Moderator*; Rev Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, *Scribe*, advised the acceptance of the call. His present pastorate to close Sept. 1.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, holds a meeting at East Gray, on Friday evenings.

The church edifices at Mechanic Falls and Poland have been repaired.

*Auburn*,—High Street church. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. A Library Society furnishes good reading to its members. *Gray*,—The little folks, named the "Happy Gleaners," have united in missionary work, and hold regular meetings. Forty dollars have thus far been realized. *Minot West*,—Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of West Auburn, supplies each Sabbath afternoon, a portion of the year. *New Gloucester*,—By request pastor Kelsey has furnished some of his sermons, by heliographic process, for distribution among his people. One hundred copies of Professor Stearns' *Our Rope's* addresses on the revised version, delivered at the State Conference in 1881, have been circulated. The ladies have sent a barrel of clothing, etc., to Miss Mary K. Lunt, in Selma, Ala., for her mission work. The Sabbath School have forwarded a box of books to a Sabbath School in Minnesota. The "Bus Bees" have raised \$68 for foreign missions. The Little Wanderers, Boston have received \$100, as the result of a visit made by a portion of them.

Ex-Gov. Nelson Dingley, Jr., M. C., has by his official and personal influence in Washington, by word and act continued his effective labors begun in Maine in behalf of the temperance cause, and other reforms. He has delivered an address before the Washington Dashaway Reform Club; also at a Conference held in Jersey City, under the auspices of the National Temperance Society; and at a meeting of the New Jersey Congregational Association. At a meeting in Washington, of the American Tract Society, he was one of the speakers.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was held in Pine St. Second Congregational ch., Lewiston, Sept. 22, 23, 1881. Addressed by Ex-Governor Dingley, Miss Willard, and others. The semi-annual convention of the Maine Reform Clubs, met in Auburn, Dec. 7.

The Anniversary of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Auburn was held April 30. Services at 9 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7.30 evening. Addresses by S. M. Sayford, Secretary of Massachusetts Society, and W. A. Bowen, Secretary of the Maine Society. Rev. A. P. Tinker, and others. The library and reading room have been visited by seventy-five on an average, each day. Meetings are held in the hall and jail on Sundays. Larger and more attractive rooms are to be provided. The sum of \$800 is already pledged. The anniversary of the Lewiston Y. M. C. A., was held May 14. Four hundred names are on the roll. Library and reading-room is provided. Meetings are held on Sabbath and Thursday evenings. An Association was formed at Brunswick in Jan., 1882.

**NECROLOGY.**—John Merrill, in Cumberland, Aug. 3. 1881, æt 82...Mrs. Henry Pennell, in Gray, Aug. 25—the last surviving child of Rev. Daniel Weston, who was pastor in Gray, 1803–1825; sermon at her funeral, by Rev. E. Bean...Mrs. Matilda Holyoke, widow of Dea. Edward Holyoke, in Yarmouth, Sept. 27, æt 75...George A. Chandler, in Lewiston, Oct. 3, æt 42...Mrs. Frances Tappan McKeen, widow of John McKeen, in Brunswick, Oct. 25, æt 89; ob. J. O. F., Ch. Mir., Nov. 12...Mrs. Martha N. Bush, daughter of the late Professor Cleaveland, and wife of Hon. Peleg W. Chandler, of Boston, died in Brunswick, Nov. 2, æt 69...Rev. David Shepley, D. D., Pastor First ch., Yarmouth, 1829–1849, in Providence, R. I., Dec. 1, æt 77—(see Necrology of Ministers.)...Mrs. James S. Hale, mother of Hon. Eugene Hale, suddenly in Turner, Dec. 5...Dea. Elbridge Ricker, Turner, Jan. 3, 1882, æt 71...Mrs. Elizabeth L. Patten, wife of Capt. Daniel Patten, Bath, died in Brunswick, March 12, æt 67; ob. R. B. H., in Advance, March 30...Mrs. Desire B. Loring, in Yarmouth, April 15, æt 76; ob. Portland Press, April 18, Ch. Mir., April 22...Mrs. H. Maria Walker, wife of Rev. A. P. Tinker, suddenly in Auburn, May 12, æt 33; services at Auburn, Saturday A. M.; E. W. Goss, E. S. Paul, G. R. Page, and Prof. Thomas H. Rich, accompanied the pastor, with the remains to Newtonville, Mass., where funeral services were held on Sabbath afternoon...William Davis, in Minot, æt 94; a faithful member of the church, half a century; was a parishioner of "Father Jones"—and heard "Father Scott" preach.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Auburn, W. A. Robinson; Auburn, Sixth street, Mark A. Haskell; Auburn, West, Henry M. Packard; Cumberland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Brunswick, John Furbush; Durham, William F. Osgood; Freeport, Rev. Preston B. Wing; Freeport, South, Rev. Horatio Hsley; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, William C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine Street, Fred B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, E. F. Stevens; Minot Center, Dea. G. W. Shaw, Auburn P. O.; Hebron and West Minot, William Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, Rev. Henry H. Osgood; Poland, F. A. Pulsifer; Pownal, Azor Mitchell, East North Yarmouth; Turner, Herbert F. Dresser; Yarmouth, First, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central, Rev. Frank W. Sanborn.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Auburn, High St., Henry W. Oaks; Auburn, Sixth St., G. M. Atkins; West Auburn, Henry M. Packard; Brunswick, Prof. John Avery; Cumberland, Oren S. Thomas; Durham, Geo. O. Sewall; Freeport, E. Russ; Freeport, South, Rev. Collins G. Burnham; Gray, Ebenezer Bean; Harpswell, Hiram M. Merriman; Lewiston, Frederic B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, D. F. Cummings; Minot Center, N. P. Downing; Minot West, and Hebron, George Bridgman; New Gloucester, Joseph E. Bailey; North Yarmouth, John S. Barstow; Poland, Frank E. Thurlow; Pownal, Mrs. Z. M. Fickett; Turner, J. F. Cushing, M. D.; Yarmouth, First, Marquis L. Soule; Yarmouth, Central, James D. Rogers.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Truman S. Perry, of Cumberland Center, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next meeting at Durham in the autumn.

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION**, Organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August and November. *Members*. Minutes 1879, p. 90. Rev. Arthur N. Ward of Falmouth, *Scribe*.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1839.

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Industry, June 13, 14, 1882. Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Moderator*. Sermon by Rev. Caleb L. Rotch, of New Sharon, 1 Kings 2:2—"Be thou strong, therefore, and show thyself a man;" and Rev. Albert W. Moore of Farmington, Phil. 2:6, 7, 8—Christ's divinity and humanity. Questions discussed: Non-church goers, what can we do for them; what is a successful Sunday School and how may it be made so; how shall the Christians use the Sabbath for personal and public advantage. The report of the churches showed a gain of nine. A greeting from Penobscot Conference, was received, and reference to Heb. 10:19, 25. A salutation returned—Psalm 122. Communion Season—Revs. Rowland B. Howard, of Rockport, Mass., and Caleb L. Rotch. Rev. Geo. A. Gordon, of Greenwich, L. I., formerly of Temple, was present at the Conference. A resolution of sympathy with the family and church of which Dea. Seth Bass, a recently deceased member, was passed. "One of the most successful meetings this Conference ever had."

Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, acting pastor at Phillips, from June 26, 1881

C. S. Wilder, of Strong, licensed at Industry, June 13, to preach the gospel

Rev. Henry Farrar, a. p., at Weld, from Aug. 31, 1879, closed his labors there in November, 1881.

Rev. Caleb L. Rotch, pastor of the churches in New Sharon and Farmington Falls, from Oct. 8, 1879, resigns, and accepts a call to Stoughton, Mass., to commence labors Sept. 1.

A Council convened at Industry, June 13, 1882, dissolved the pastorate of Mr. Rotch. Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Farmington, *Moderator*; Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton, *Scribe*.

Rev. George A. Gordon, a. p. at Temple, 1875-6, ins. pastor at Greenwich L. I., Nov. 14. *Farmington*.—Mrs. Caroline Clifford, wife of Dea. J. Titcomb died July 11, 1881, æt 60. Jotham Sewall Graves, father of Mrs. R. B. Howard, July 5, 1882, æt 79. *Industry*.—The Union Meeting house in the west part of the town, has been repaired during the past winter, at a cost of \$150 the funds being raised principally by the Industry Center Sewing Circle. There was a meeting house in the east part of the town, at West Mills, owned by the Congregationalists and Methodists, which had been repaired during the last season, but was burned Aug. 26, 1881, with farm buildings near. No insurance. The loss falls heavily on the two feeble churches. *New Sharon*.—A new organ provided for the Sabbath School. *Phillips*.—Through the efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society, the ordinances of the gospel have been revived. The church received through the First church, Lowell, Mass., Rev. S. Baker, pastor a communion service; and from a member of the West church, Portland, a table for the new vestry. *Strong*.—Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, supplied in July, 1881. *Weld*.—Rev. Daniel D. Tappan has sent five or six communications through the Ch. Mr., during the year. *Wilton*.—The church edifice repainted. The weekly systematic offerings have increased the amount of benevolent contributions. Two new deacons chosen in July, 1882. Joshua Adams an esteemed member of the church, died Dec. 19, 1881, æt 80. Dea. Seth Bass a faithful and experienced officer, and valued citizen died May 28, æt 78.

*Rangely*.—New church edifice erected.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Dea. Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. Julia G. Brown; Industry, William M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLean; Phillips, Cornelia T. Crosby; Strong, Rev. J. Loring Pratt; Temple, H. L. Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Farmington, J. Warren Merrill; Farmington Falls, E. M. Prince; Allen's Mills, (F. Falls.) William J. Rackliff; Industry, A. C. Cook; New Sharon, Rev. Chas. L. Rotch; New Vineyard, Justin Luce; Phillips, David Toothaker; Strong, O. W. Sherman; Temple, H. L. Sampson; Weld, Abiel Holt; Wilton, W. H. Chamberlain.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Farmington, *Reporter*; Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer*.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION included in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

### HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Bluehill, October 4, 1881. Dea. Edward Swasey, of Bucksport, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine. Hebrews 6: 19,—“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul,” etc. Conference sermon, Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth. Phil. 1: 1, 2, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Topics for discussion: 1—The Sabbath,—what can we do to preserve it; why should we seek to preserve it, opened by Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport; 2—The Family,—the dangers that threaten it; what can be done to avert them, Rev. Alfred E. Ives; 3—The Bible,—what it is; how should we study it, Rev. Charles W. Huntington; 4—The Prayer-Meeting,—how to make it interesting and profitable, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, and Lewis J. Thomas, of Castine.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Castine, June 13, 14, 1882. Dea. Simeon Allen, of Brooksville, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. James C. McJohnston, of Bluehill; Theme—The destruction of Jerusalem; and Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, Rom. 12: 2. “Be not conformed in this world,” etc. Discussions: I—The duty and privilege of church membership, opened by Rev. H. Houston, of Deer Isle; II—The Sabbath School; 1—Its importance, Rev. A. E. Ives; 2—Who should attend it, Rev. A. N. Jones; 3—Teacher's qualifications, Rev. C. W. Huntington, of Ellsworth; III—What the pews owe the pulpit—attention, support, prayer, christian co-operation, Prof. R. Woodbury, of Castine; IV—What the pulpit owes to the pews,—fairness in stating truth, the minister's time, talents, and sympathy; a consistent christian life, and close application to study, and work in his calling, Rev. Wm. Forsyth, of Bucksport. The Christian greeting of Penobscot Conference were received with 2 Thess. 3: 16 and 18. Response—Eph. 3: 14—20. At the communion table, Revs. Alfred E. Ives, and Charles W. Huntington. “This was one of the very best of Hancock Conference meetings”.

CHARLES WHITE HUNTINGTON, (Williams 1876; Andover 1881) ordained and installed pastor of the church in Ellsworth, September 6, 1881. Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edgar M. Consins, of Cherryfield, *Scribe*. Services:—hymn; reading Scriptures, and prayer. Rev. Henry Blodgett, of the Chinese Mission; hymn; sermon, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, Luke 8: 18, “Take heed therefore how ye hear;” ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; charge, Rev. John S. Sewall, of Bangor Seminary; right hand, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport; address to people, Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes; hymn; prayer by the Scribe; benediction by pastor.

Rev. CHARLES J. H. ROPES, by the same Council was dismissed from the pastorate which he had held from August 15, 1877,—resigned July 24, 1881. Mr. R. elected Professor of Sacred Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary, July, 1881. Inaugural address delivered June 7, 1882. (See Bangor Seminary Report.)

WILLIAM HAYNES, (Bangor Sem. 1881,) ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry by a Council called by the church of Amherst and Aurora. R. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. Francis B. Denio, Bangor, *Scribe*. Council met at 3 P. M., July 1, 1882. Ordination service 10 A. M., July 2.—hymn; invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. J. Adams, of Bangor; prayer; hymn; sermon by the Moderator, Psalms 4: 6 "Who will show us any good;" ordaining prayer and right hand of fellowship by the Scribe; charge by Rev. J. E. Adams; hymn; benediction, by R. Wm. Haynes.

James C. McNaughton Johnstone, B. A., of Great Barrington, Mass., (Westminster College—Yale Seminary, 1874) approved by Cumberland Association Portland, Nov. 1, 1881, acting pastor at Bluehill, from Dec., 1881.

Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, pastor at Castine, June 18, 1878—resigns.

THE CHAPEL OF THE CHURCH IN ELLSWORTH, was re-opened on the evening of Jan. 29, 1882, with a praise service of a dedicatory nature, from Robinson's Spiritual Songs, and anthems by the choir; also by appropriate Scripture readings; a touching prayer by Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D.; remarks by pastor. Rev. C. W. Huntington, upon the fitness and reciprocal relation beauty and utility in building designed for religious purposes; and interesting reminiscences by the former pastor, Dr. Tenney.

The ceilings and walls of the vestry proper, are furnished tastefully in various colors; the floor stained. The larger addition, containing a parlor 20 by 28 kitchen, etc., is appropriately painted and papered; new furnishing, including a new piano, have been provided. The exterior of the building is painted a finished in modern style—the colors harmonizing. The work of enlarging and remodeling the building, was done in honor of Mrs. Sewall Tenney, and a memorial window has been placed in the front of the vestry. The cost of remodeling the vestry, including the large addition made to it, with the bell tower on one side, \$3,000. The main edifice, especially the spire, has been repaired and painted.

Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., of Peking, North China, who has been missionary in China, twenty-seven years, is visiting Bucksport, his native town, and has been present at various points in the country, interesting the people in reports of that land, and its teeming population and, the condition and progress of the mission work in that vast empire.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, was at Deer Isle, May 28, 1882, on the fiftieth anniversary of his father's coming to that place to preach, and read the people the first sermon he gave them. Rev. Jonathan Adams' pastor was from May, 1832, to Sept., 1852, and was greatly blessed.

Rev. Albert H. Tebbetts, at Bluehill, 1872-76, is supplying at Dodge Cent and Claremont, Minnesota.

Rev. Josiah T. Closson, at Deer Isle North, 1866 and 1875, called from North Thetford, Vt., to Salisbury, Vt.

Robinson's Spiritual Songs, are now used in the service of song at Castine.

A lady in Boston has given \$500 to build a chapel at N. W. Harbor, Mt. Desert; and the "Parish Aid Association," are raising funds to support the minister.

SABBATH SCHOOLS are established in Mt. Desert at Somesville, Eden, F. Harbor, S. W. Harbor, N. W. Harbor, Tremont Center, Pretty Marsh, Goat Island, Seal Cove, and six or eight other places. The annual meeting of the Union Sabbath School Association of Mt. Desert, was held at S. W. Harbor Feb'y 3, 1882. Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Mt. Desert, President. Seventeen schools are associated. Meetings of the Association are held quarterly. The Hancock County Sabbath School Convention was held at Bluehill, October 1881.

The Hancock Educational Society's Convention was held at Orland, Aug. 27, 28, 1882. The State Normal School, at Castine, opened the spring term with 121 pupils. Twenty pupils graduated June 1, 1882.



**NECROLOGY.**—Mrs. Rachel Carroll, widow of John Carroll, in Tremont, June 11, 1881, at 90; for three-quarters of a century she was a member of the church of Mt. Desert and Tremont; ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 27...Edward A., son of Rev. A. N. and Mrs. Jones, in Somesville, Mt. Desert, Oct. 8; ob. Ch. Mir., Oct. 29...Mrs. Abigail C. Gilley, Tremont, Aug. 5, at 82; sixty years a member of the ch. in Mt. Desert...Mrs. H. B. Porter, in Deer Isle, February 23, 1882, at 93; for seventy years in the church, a bright and shining light; during the past winter a constant attendant on public worship...Mrs. Sarah R. Field, in Deer Isle, March 10, at 98; a member of First ch. eighty-five years, greatly loved and respected.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Amherst and Aurora, Everett W. Silsby, Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, Mrs. George M. Farnham; Bucksport, George F. Eames; Castine, Rev. Alfred E. Ives; Deer Isle, First, Dea. Joseph Saunders; Deer Isle, Second, William E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Mrs. Eley S. Turner; Orland, Aaron P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. Simeon Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Somesville, E. Babson, Mt. Desert; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Amherst and Aurora, Charles Silsby; Bluehill, Henry P. Whitney; Brooksville West, Simeon P. Tapley; Bucksport, George F. Eames; Castine, Frederick W. Foster; Deer Isle First, Edwin S. Palmer; Deer Isle Second, Franklin Closson, No. Deer Isle; Ellsworth, George P. Dutton; Isle au Haut, (Union,) Mrs. Eley S. Turner; Orland, Nathan H. Powers; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Emily Blodgett; Sedgwick Village—; Somesville, Dea. Obadiah Allen; Tremont, (Mt. Desert,) Thomas Clark; Centre and Pretty Marsh, (Union,) M. Smith; S. W. Harbor, (Union,) S. S. Newman and Thomas Clark; Gott's Island, (Union,) Enoch Moor, P. O. Tremont; Seal Cove, (Union) Benjamin Sawyer.

Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Mt. Desert, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting is at South West Harbor, Sept., 1882.

**HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.** Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Re-organized at Bluehill, Nov. 10, 1840. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August, and November. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 91. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Castine. *Scribe*.

### KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823. Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET CONFERENCE**, was held with the church in Winthrop, Oct. 18, 19, 1881. Rev. John Dinsmore, *Moderator*; Rev. Chas. A. White, *Scribe p. t.* Sermon, Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Winslow, 2 Cor. 5: 14—The constraining love of Christ. Topics discussed:—What is the practical use of our Conference, opened by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell; what is church prosperity, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; the obstacles in the way, Dea. M. J. Metcalf, of Monmouth; how to render the latent power of the church effective, Rev. Henry E. Mott, of Augusta; what can our Sabbath Schools do for Congregationalism, Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell. A paper on Sabbath desecration was read by Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, setting forth the great evils resulting from the violation of God's primal ordinance, and that a reform was imperatively demanded. This is published in Christian Mirror, Nov. 12, 1881. A committee were appointed to co-operate with other Conferences and religious denominations, to devise measures to a reform in the habits of Sabbath observance. The installation services of William F. Obeur, as the pastor of the church in Winthrop, were held Wednesday evening, Oct. 19.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, was held with the church in Augusta, June 6, 7, 1882. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, *Moderator*. Topics for discussion: 1—How shall we reach the masses? opened by Rev. John B. Carruthers, of Monmouth; 2—The reflex influence of foreign missions, S. S. Brooks, of Augusta; 3—The Christian home, its social aspects; its relation to the churches; 4—How to develop the forces of the church—personal responsibility and personal work the most important, Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond; 5—The Sunday school—its spiritual needs, and how to meet them, Rev. G. W. Jones, of Winslow. The fraternal greetings of Penobscot Conference, with a reference to Phil. 4: 4—8, were received early in the session; response was made by Phil. 4: 10, f. c., and 13. A short service of song, on Tuesday evening, was led by Dea. George F. Hawes, of Augusta. Report of the churches by Rev. W. C. Curtis, *Scribe*. Conference sermon by Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Winthrop, John 14: 21—"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." The Lord's Supper was the partaken of, as the last act of the Conference, to strengthen and refresh its members for renewed exertions for the Master's cause—administered by Rev. Henry S. Loring and Henry V. Emmons, with Deas. Hallet and Whitney. "The exercises of the Conference were characterized by much interest and animation."

Rev. HENRY ELLIOT MOTT, (Princeton C. 1874; Union S. 1878) was installed pastor of the South Congregational church, Augusta, Sept. 20, 1881. Rev. John O. Flske, D. D., of Bath, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe*. Council met in the afternoon. Installation services in the evening—Voluntary on the organ; reading of the minute anthem, "How lovely are the messengers;" reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; prayer, Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell, hymn 1064, (Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book—Tune, Duke St.) "We bid thee welcome in the name of Jesus;" sermon, Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Professor in Bangor Seminary, 2 Cor. 5: 19, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself," etc.; hymn 721, "Rock of ages;" installing prayer, by the *Moderator*; charge to pastor, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock; right hand, Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Portland; address to people, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Gardiner; hymn 69, "Saviour, breathe an evening blessing;" benediction by the pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM FOSTER OBEAR, (Amherst 1835; Bangor 1868) installed pastor of Cong'l ch., Winthrop, October 19, 1881. Council met at 2.30 p. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Monmouth, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Installation services in the evening: organ voluntary; reading of the minutes of Council; anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me;" Scriptures read by Rev. A. R. Crane, of Winthrop, (Baptist;) prayer, Rev. G. F. Cobb, (Methodist;) sermon, Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., John 1: 3, 4, Christ, the life and the light of men; installing prayer, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; address to the pastor, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; right hand of fellowship, by the *Scribe*; original hymn, by Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld, (a former pastor;) address to the people, Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell; anthem, "The Lord is my Shepherd" benediction by the pastor.

Rev. EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS (Bowdoin 1871; Yale S. 1878) acting pastor of Gardiner, from Jan'y 15, 1882.

JOHN B. CARRUTHERS, acting pastor at Monmouth, from April 1, 1882.

Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY, who supplied at Gardiner from May 8, '81, accepted a call to Foxboro, Mass., in September.

Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK, pastor at Gardiner from February 2, 1864, who died May 18, 1881, for California, during his journeys and sojourn in that state, improved in health. He returned home Sept. 24, remaining for a time in Gardiner.

Receiving a call to Falls Church, Va., he left Gardiner Nov. 1, where he had done good service for sixteen years, and entered upon his work in Virginia—the climate being more congenial to his health. Reference to his work there in letter by L. D., in Advance, Nov. 10.

Rev. David L. Davis, pastor at Pittston from June 8, 1879, resigns June, 1879, and goes to Wyoming.

Rev. Edward P. Baker, at Winthrop, 1865—'72, was installed pastor, at Hilo, Hawaii Islands, Jan'y, 1882...Rev. Warren F. Bickford, pastor at Winthrop, 1876-'80, is in Breckenridge, Colorado, and supplies that place and vicinity; letters from him in Ch. Mir., Sept. 24, and Oct. 29, '81, and July 8, '82...Rev. Calvin G. Hill, at Waterville, 1870-'1, installed pastor First ch., Milford, Mass., Feb. 9, 1882.

*Augusta.*—A census of church-goers showed that about one-half the population attend public worship...Twenty thousand dollars has been paid into the city treasury from the estate of L. W. Withgrow, for a free library. *Clinton.*—Mr. Abijah Monroe Billings, Clerk of the church, died Sept. 28, 1881. *Hallowell.*—Susan Parsons bequeaths to Maine Miss'y Soc., \$250; to Am. Miss'y Soc., \$250; South Cong'l church, \$300; to its library, \$100; Bangor Seminary, \$200; Maine Branch Coll. and Ed. Soc., \$200; New England Moral Reform Soc., \$100; Maine Cong'l Charitable Soc., \$200; Hallowell Classical School, \$500...Hon. J. R. Bodwell, has given \$1000, and two ladies \$100 each, towards a new building for the Maine Industrial School for Girls. *Waterville.*—A French Protestant society organized, Oct., 1881...Children's meetings established in Cong'l Church, April, 1882. *Winthrop.*—The organ in Cong'l Ch., changed to the side of the pulpit, so better aiding their congregational singing. This church held a re-union of its members, Oct. 25, 1881. Letters were read from former pastors, and members now residing abroad...Hon. Seth May, an ex judge, died Sept. 20, 1881, at 80, a friend and co-laborer with Rev. David Thurston, in efforts to promote temperance, freedom, peace, and other moral reforms.

A temperance meeting was held at Maranacook, July 28—31, 1881. Addresses by Gov. H. M. Plaisted, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Hon. Neal Dow, and others...State Temperance Convention in Augusta, Jan'y 25, 26, 1882...Kennebec County Reform Club met in Hallowell, April, 1882; next meeting in Gardiner, July, 1882.

State Sabbath School Convention, in Waterville, October 25—27, 1881. Addresses by Ex-Gov. Dingley, on the early influence of teachers; Rev. F. E. Clark, of Portland, on what our young people are reading; Rev. R. L. Howard, of Bangor, on the Bible as the teacher's source of supply; Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., on the consecration of teachers to Christ and to his class.

A semi-annual meeting of the Maine Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held in Augusta, Oct. 27. An address by Miss A. B. Childs, of Boston; letters from Miss Agnes Lord, and Miss Clara Hamlin, of the Constantinople Home. Refreshments were provided at noon in the vestry. Report Ch. Mir., Nov. 12.

The first anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Augusta, was held Sabbath evening, March 5. President Beal reported the work of the past year. W. A. Bowen, State Secretary, delivered an address. The pastors commended the work. The Association, to revive their interest in christian work, provide a free reading room, gymnasium, parlor, boy's room, and a general Secretary who shall give his whole time to the work.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Thomas Smiley, Benton Falls; Clinton, Mrs. Susan Billings; Gardiner, C. E. Deering; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, Asa P. Smith; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sid-

ney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro. Albert Farwell, Riverside; Waterville. Joseph L. Town; Winslow, George W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Henry Woodward.

**SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.**—Augusta, Grenville T. Fletcher; Benton, William K. Lunt; Clinton, (Union,) George Parkman; Gardiner, Frederick Danforth; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, David T. Smith; Monmouth, Albert G. Smith; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, Arthur Thomas; Sidney, —; Vassalboro, (Union,) Howard H. Snell; Waterville, Increase Robinson; Winslow, Dea. Cyrus Howard; Winthrop, Dea. George Packard.

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Semi-annual meeting of Somerset and Kennebec Conference, in Gardiner, Oct. 24, 25, 1882.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, were united April 23, 1867. Annual meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. *Members, Minutes 1879.* p. 91. Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, *Scribe.*

### LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting Tuesday before the second Wednesday in June.

#### NO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Woolwich, (Nequasset,) June 13, 14, 1882. Rev. Edward C. Crane, of Waldoboro. *Moderator.* Opening prayer meeting conducted by Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., of the North China Mission. Topics discussed during the session:—1, The Christian's privileges and joys; 2, The church's power,—what is it;—how to be employed; 3, The disciple's duty to the church—its service and work; 4, Christian growth—how advanced, how hindered; 5, Attitude of the church toward questions of morals and reform; 6, Indifference or apathy to Sabbath schools—if existing, how to be removed; 7, Our Congregational duty to Sunday schools; 8, What in our homes and social life, or elsewhere, defeats the end for which our churches and Sunday schools labor. The annual report of the churches, by Rev. J. E. Pond, the Reporter. Discussion followed, based on the report:—"The Kingdom of Heaven advanced in and by our own churches. The Divine plan and promise; Our success or failures. On Tuesday afternoon, a sermon by the Moderator, Ezek. 33: 1-7, the duty of a watchman. Conference sermon, Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of New Castle. John 13: 7.—"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt understand hereafter." "A delightful communion service," conducted by Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., and Rev. C. G. Holyoke, "closed this interesting and profitable meeting of our Conference." Just twenty-five years ago the meeting of Conference was held in the same church.

The Lincoln Bible Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday, 10 A. M.

HENRY CLAY ROBINSON, of New Castle (Bowdoin 1860,) ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry at Phippsburg, June 21, 1881. Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Wm. R. Richards, of Bath, *Scribe.* Records, Minutes 1881, p. 76.

Rev. CHARLES EVERETT ANDREWS, (Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth Coll., 1875, Bangor Seminary, 1881,) ordained and installed pastor of the Second church, New Castle, Oct. 1, 1881. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, *Scribe.*—Services: organ voluntary; reading minutes of Council; singing of the doxology by the congregation; invocation, Rev. Henry C. Robinson, of Phippsburg; anthem by the choir; Scripture reading by Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Bristol; sermon by the Moderator, Matt. 24: 35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away.

but my words shall not pass away;" ordaining prayer, Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren; charge, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Winthrop, the former pastor; hymn 763, *Spiritual Songs*, "We bid thee welcome;" right hand, Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath; address to people, by the Scribe; anthem, by the choir; benediction, by the pastor.

By the same Council. Rev. WILLIAM F. OBEAR, pastor from Oct. 16, 1872, was dismissed.

Mr. Jotham Sewall, (Williams C. 1868, Bangor S. 1872.) has supplied the church in Topsham from August 1, 1881. A Council called by the church to ordain Mr. S., convened March 16, 1882, of which Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, was *Moderator*; Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath, *Scribe*. Final action in reference to proceeding to ordination was deferred, on account of indefiniteness of the candidate's convictions in regard to some doctrines. Rev. Wm. R. Richards, of Bath, preached a discourse in the afternoon.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, sailed for Europe June 2, 1882, for the benefit of his health, spending a portion of his time at Ems, Germany. On the day of the great snow storm, Feb. 5, 1882, for the first time in thirty-nine years, when he was at home, was there no service in Winter St. church.

Rev. Gilbert B. Richardson, at Edgecomb, 1860-'3, and Alna and New Castle 1866-'71, installed pastor at Alstead, N. H., Nov. 30, 1881.

Rev. William H. Bolster, pastor at Wiscasset, 1872-'76, installed pastor of Union Ch., South Weymouth, Mass., April 12, 1882.

Rev. Eliphalet Whittlesey, formerly of Bath, is appointed a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners, in place of William Stickney, deceased.

Rev. David Q. Cushman, of Bath, has prepared, and has now in press a history of the ancient settlement and modern town of Sheepscot and New Castle, 1607-1881, 500 pps. 8-vo.

Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, pastor in East Thomaston, (Rockland) 1838-'66, died in Stamford, Conn., Apr. 18, 1882, at 67. (See Necrology, Appendix.)

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE AT NORTH EDGECOMB, February 15, 1882. Services:—anthem by the choir; prayer by Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of New Castle; reading the Scriptures by Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Boothbay; historical sketch, by Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, acting-pastor; sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, 2 Chron. 24: 13, "So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it;" prayer of dedication, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, of Auburn, a former acting-pastor; anthem by the choir; prayer and benediction. The entire cost of the house was \$3,455.64—to which may be added considerable labor for which no charge was made. Ch. Mir., Feb'y 25.

The meeting house in North Boothbay was damaged by lightning, July 21, 1881...The church edifice at Bristol Mills has been repaired...The meeting house of the First ch., New Castle, Sheepscot Bridge, has been repaired, improved, and newly painted. Opening services, June 11, 1882, conducted by Rev. Wm. A. DePew, of Wiscasset.

A Sabbath School Convention of Knox and Lincoln Counties, was held at Nobleboro, August 23, 1881; Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., President.

A Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was held in Bath, May 24, 1882.

NECROLOGY.—John Percy, of Woolwich, in October, 1881, suddenly while on a visit to Missouri; an active worker and a true and consistent Christian in W...Mrs. Nettie (Adams) Kenniston, Oct. 14, 1881, in Boothbay; a sister of Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of Me. Miss'y Society; ob. R. W. J., in Ch. Mir. Harriet Fitch, in Bristol; ob. Ch. Mir., Jan'y 14, 1882...Mrs. Sally D Fitch, in Bristol, March 26, 1882; member of the church fifty years; Ch. Mir., Apr. 8...Edward Payson Sewall, in Staceyville, Iowa, April 16, at 50; a

native of Maine; son of Rev. Jotham Sewall, former pastor at New Castle. Dea. Joseph Bowker, May 3. in Phippsburg, æt 72; he labored faithfully, wisely, and supported liberally, in his relation to the church; remarks at the funeral from 1 Sam. 20: 18, l. c.; memorial service, Sabbath, May 7. Ps. 112: l. c., by the pastor, and Rev. Samuel Bowker; H. C. R., Ch. Mir., May 13.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Elizabeth Nelson; Bath, Winter Street Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D.; Bath Central, Franklin S. Partridge; Boothbay First, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay Second, Charles E. Kendrick; Bremen, Miss Caroline H. Hilton; Bristol, Dr. Joseph Hunter; Edgecomb, Ebenezer Chase, Jr.; Lisbon, Mrs. Geo. W. Coombs, Lisbon Fall New Castle, First, Charles C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; New Castle, Second, Rev. Charles E. Andrews; Phippsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, A. Judson Shaw; Thomaston, Seth S. Gerry; Topsham, Isaac P. Tebbett, Union, Dea. Augustus Vaughan; Waldoboro, First, Rev. Edward C. Cran, Waldoboro, Second, Jacob Winchenbean; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett; Wadington, Rev. F. V. Norcross, a. c.; Wiscasset, Silas L. Young; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Alna,——; Bath, Winter Street David T. Percy; Bath, Central, Henry E. Palmer; Boothbay, First, Daniel Dodge; Boothbay, Second, George B. Kenniston; Bremen,——; Bristol, Thomas H. Fassett; Edgecomb, Charles W. Cate; Lisbon,——; New Castle, First,——; New Castle, Second, Alonzo Glidden; Phippsburg, Nathaniel Reed; Rockland, W. S. D. Healey; Thomaston, Joseph H. Jacobs; Topsham, Charles E. Scribner; Union, Frederick H. Seiders; (Union School at Appleton, Nathan Hawkes;) Waldoboro, First, Dea. George Allen; Waldoboro, Second,——; Warren, Thomas Walker; Washington, (Union Sch.) H. G. McCurdy; Wiscasset, Hannibal Small; Woolwich, two schools, Rev. H. O. Thayer, at Dea. F. Carleton.

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Warren, June 12, 1883.

LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Phippsburg, May 1, 1844.—Met first Tuesday of February, May, and November. Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, *Scribe*. *Members*,—p. 92, Minutes 1880.

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814, does not meet.

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First church in Bethel, Oct. 18, 19, 1881. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening devotion: services at 10 A. M.; opening sermon by Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of Soul Parish, Matt. 28: 20, l. c.,—Christ always present. Topics for remarks:—1—Family religion—its necessity and importance; bad literature to be kept out of the family; 2—Christian giving as a means of grace—as an act of worship; 3—Relation of the Sunday school to the formation of character; 4—Hearty Christian fellowship—how promoted, and how made to serve the interest of Christ Kingdom; 5—Need of missionary work in Oxford county—how can it be supplied. Service of praise on Tuesday evening, thirty minutes, led by Dea. E. P. Grover; (Gospel Songs used during the session.) Question Box—charge of Rev. Stephen L. Bowler. Prayer meeting Wednesday morning, 6:30 verbal reports of delegates, five minutes each. Woman's missionary meeting in the vestry, at 11 A. M. Wednesday. Conference sermon, Rev. Thomas

Williams. Mark 14: 8, Faith and works must go together. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Revs. Alexander Wiswall, and Henry H. Hutchinson; Deacs. Lovejoy, Kilbourn, T. H. Chapman, and J. A. Brown.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Gorham, N. H., June 6, 7, 1882. Dea. H. N. Bolster, of Paris, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel. Matt 5: 44. Christ as a missionary. Conference sermon, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel. Matt. 20: 27, 28; Luke 22: 27. Christ's rule of service. Topics discussed:—THE CHURCH MILITANT.—"Fight the good fight of faith;" 1—nature of the conflict. 2, Foes to be met. (a) within,—“of his own household;" unbelief; indifference, etc., Hon. E. W. Woodbury; (b) without—evil literature, Rev. F. E. Emrich; questionable amusements, Rev. E. H. Foss; Sabbath breaking and intemperance, Rev. G. Rice; 3—weapons to be used—(a) praise—service of song, led by Rev. T. P. Williams; (b) prayer in family, Rev. A. Wiswall; in social service; what constitutes a good prayer meeting—who should take part; (c) instruction—Rev. D. Garland—in Sabbath school, how can teachers best secure the attention of their scholars, Rev. E. C. Ingalls; how can our Sabbath school libraries be made more serviceable, Rev. S. L. Bowler. Questions on prayer meeting and Sabbath schools answered. Instruction in pulpit,—five minute talks, first from laymen; then the ministers; 4—the victory, Rev. C. W. Dame. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Edmond C. Ingalls, and J. G. Sprague; Deas. S. S. Stetson, and O. Perry.

GILMAN RICE, of Auburn, was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, at Sumner, October 12, 1881. Council met October 11, at 7 P. M. Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of South Paris, *Scribe*. Services of ordination, Oct. 12, at 10 A. M. The service of song from Gospel Hymns, 1—3 combined. Sermon by the Moderator, Malachi 4: 2. "Unto you that fear my name, shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings," etc.; ordaining prayer, by the Scribe; charge, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; right hand, Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway; hymn and prayer; benediction, Rev. Gilman Rice. Lewiston Journal, Oct. 19. Mr. R. has been at Sumner from Jan'y 4, 1879. He preached also at East Sumner.

The church edifice in Oxford re-opened after repairs, Easter Sunday, April 9, 1882. Rev. Fred E. Emrich conducted appropriate services. A quintette led in the service of song. The floral decorations fine. "New stained-glass windows, fresh paint, a new carpet, new book racks, and books in the pews, new chandeliers and bracket lamps, altogether transformed the room from its former dilapidated and cheerless appearance, to an inviting place of worship." Mr. Emrich has carried forward to completion repairs of the church-edifices at Mechanic Falls, Poland Corner, and Oxford, and in each case has opened the churches free from debt. Mr. E. has divided his time between these three places.

The sixty-seventh birth-day of Rev. David Garland, who has been pastor of the Second ch., Bethel, thirty-three years, was observed by a social gathering at his house, March 22, 1882.

*Andover*.—Church edifice furnished with a bell, and an organ for the service of song. . . *Norway*.—A social gathering of the circle in the Congregational church, March 21, including friends from neighboring towns; over eighty being present from South Paris. . . *Rumford*.—Albert Donnell, of Bangor Seminary, supplied during the summer.

Gould's Academy, Bethel, completed—one of the most imposing structures in the county; cost \$6,000.

Mr. E. B. Stillson, employed by the Bible Society of Maine, as colporteur in Oxford county, reported in August, 1881, that he had canvassed forty-one towns and plantations—families, 7,288; protestant families without Bibles,

445. who were supplied; non-church going families, 4,577; children attending Sabbath school, 3,838; children not in Sabbath school, 4,521; volumes sold 2,599; donated, 835.

Oxford Sabbath School Convention held in Norway, May 23, 1882. Superintendent N. H. Bolster, Chairman; Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, Secretary.

The State Reform Club met in Norway, June 7, 8, 1882.

Died at Sumner Hill, Oct. 7, 1881, Dea. Sharon Robinson, æt 72; a pillar in the church for more than half a century; funeral sermon by Rev. G. Rice ob. Ch. Mir., Oct. 22. In Norway, Apr. 8, 1882, Alice C., a daughter of Rev. A. Wiswall.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, J. H. Bailey; Berlin Falls, N. H. Frank M. Coffin; Bethel First, Dea. J. U. Purington; Bethel Second, Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Henry Wight; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; Norway First, J. F. Holt; Norway Second, T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Mrs. M. A. Ellis; Rumford, J. E. Elliot; Shelburne, N. H., Dea. I. P. Green; South Paris, Stephen R. Parsons; Sumner, J. T. Stetson, Esq.; Sumner; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Andover, Elbridge Poor; Berlin Falls, N. H., Frank M. Coffin; Bethel First, J. M. Purington; Bethel Second, Arthur W. Valentine; Dixfield, ———; Gilead, William R. Peabody; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; Norway First, Amos T. Holt; Norway Second, M. A. Phinnie; Oxford; J. F. Fuller; Rumford, Henry Barker; Shelburne, N. H. E. P. Green; South Paris, Horace N. Bolster; Sumner, Stephen C. Heald; Upton, Charles Douglass.

Arthur W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer*. Next meeting in Andover, Oct. 17, 18, 1882.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.—Was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Meetings on second Tuesday in May, July, and Sept. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Scribe p. t.* *Members*,—Minutes 1879, p. 122.

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in January.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Central church, Bangor, January 10, 1882. Opened with reading the 78th and 123d Psalms, and prayer by the *Moderator*, Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer. James A. Dole, of Bangor, was chosen *Scribe*. All but three of the nineteen churches were represented by delegates or members. Topics for discussion:—1—Are installations desirable, opened by Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright,—while he would not have them omitted, he thought they were not originally provided for by our forefathers, who expected that a pastor once ordained, was ordained for life, and that the short tenure of office now-a-days did not compensate for the time and expense of frequent installations; others took part; the prevailing feeling was, that the fellowship of the churches, and the purity of the ministry, and the good of the churches, did not seem to justify any change from the present custom. 2—The conversion and christian nurture of children, opened by Rev. Charles D. Crane, of Hampden, followed by Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Bangor, who, in behalf of Conference, was welcomed by the *Moderator* to the fellowship. In the afternoon, verbal reports from the churches by their delegates, were presented. The venerable and beloved Dr. Pond, now quite feeble, was remembered in the prayers offered. Conference sermon, by Rev. Charles H. Ropes, of the Seminary, 1 Cor. 2: 2, Christ and him crucified—the o



theme above all others—the centre and sum of all blessings to man. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Revs. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, and Richard B. Thurston, of Conn.; Deas. J. S. Wheelwright, Davis R. Lumbert, J. Wyman Phillips, and John Holyoke.

At the conclusion of the services, a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions was held in the vestry—Mrs. John S. Sewall, Vice President, presiding.

In the evening, Professor Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Theological Seminary, introduced the third topic, the faith of the church—this always the same, though varying in expression. The fourth topic—the church in its relation to the conversion and salvation of men, was opened by Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Bangor. The session closed with prayer, singing the hymn "Nearer my God to thee;" and the benediction by Rev. G. W. Field.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Oldtown, June 13. 14, 1882. Dea. G. A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. Opening devotional exercises led by Rev. Joseph Smith, of Bangor. After the enrollment of delegates, and organization, it was stated as a pleasing fact, that eleven other local Conferences were in session on the same days of assembling of this Conference, and it was voted to send to each, by telegram, our fraternal greetings, so bringing us into closer fellowship and sympathy with each other. The message was by a reference to chapter and verse of appropriate Scriptures—to each a different message. These were sent to Deering, (Woodford's,) Cumberland Center, Industry, Castine, Augusta, Woolwich, Blanchard, Skowhegan, Fryeburg, Rockland, and East Machias. Responses to these were received during the progress of the sessions, with much satisfaction, and added to the interest of the meeting. The opening sermon was by Rev. Charles D. Crane, of Hampden, Neh. 6: 3, the character of Nehemiah, and the lessons to be learned from it, of prayerfulness, perseverance, fidelity and enthusiasm—notwithstanding ridicule, opposition, and misrepresentation. Conference sermon, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Bangor, John 18: 37, some of the essential truths which Jesus manifested; the real nature of true religion; the essential reality of character; the reality of the unseen; and the essential nature of God—love. It was truth, not opinion or belief, that is of essential importance for us to seek and to cherish.

Topics for discussion:—1—How shall the missionary interest be increased, (a) in our own neighborhood, opened by Rev. C. A. Beckwith, of Brewer; (b) throughout the world, Dea. W. P. Hubbard, of Bangor. 2—The christian home (a) what is it, and its importance, John L. Crosby, Bangor; (b) is there need of more attention to this subject, Pres. Merritt C. Fernald, of Orono. 3—The Sunday school, (a) what is its relative importance as a church service, Rev. Geo. W. Field, Bangor; (b) how can it be made a more efficient means of saving souls, Dea. Augustus L. Bourne, of Bangor. On each of these topics, additional remarks were made by ministers and laymen present,—including Rev. Franklin Davis, of Tamworth, N. H., and Rev. Sidney A. Burnaby, of Lancaster, N. H. Report of the churches by the Scribe, James A. Dole, of Bangor. Prayer-meeting Tuesday P. M., led by Rev. John P. Gerrior, of the Seminary; Wednesday A. M., by Rev. F. B. Denio. Praise meeting Tuesday evening, conducted by Rev. H. A. Freeman, of Oldtown. A minute in memory of Rev. Dr. Pond, was adopted by the Conference. Resolutions respecting the desecration of the Sabbath, were passed.

The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. George W. Field, and Francis B. Denio.

EVERETT LORENZO WALBRIDGE, (Bangor Sem. 1881) was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, by a Council called by the church at East Bangor, June 2, 1881, 2 P. M. (See Minutes 1881, p. 8.) Mr. W. is acting pastor at Millbridge.

ROBERT WATT JAMISON, (Bangor Sem. 1881) was ordained by a called by the First Cong'l church, Bangor, which met in the Chapel Seminary, June 2, at 7 P. M. (See Minutes 1881, p. 82.) Mr. J. is c sioned by the Am. Home Miss'y Soc., to labor in Appleton, Wisconsin.



Hammond St. Church, 1882, Rebuilt 1854.

lection by the choir, "Hark! what celestial sounds," (Southard); 11, to the people, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport; 12, prayer, Rev. I Stearns, D. D., of Bangor; 13, hymn by the congregation, 1064, "We welcome;" 14, benediction by the pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM GILLMORE WADE, (Bangor Sem. 1880,) supplies at D Jackson, and Brooks, from Sept., 1881.

Rev. S. LEWIS B. SPEARE, dismissed from First ch., Bangor, May 1 See Minutes 1881, p. 82.

Rev. ALFRED J. MCGOWN, pastor at Orono, July 3, 1877, to May dismissed by Council May 19, 1881. (See Minutes 1881, p. 82.) Installed at Claremont, N. H., Nov. 10, 1881. Sermon by Rev. Charles E. Har

Rev. CLARENCE S. SARGENT, pastor at Brewer Village and East Or from July 1, 1879, resigned Oct. 1, 1881. Resolutions of church, Ch. Oct. 8. He accepted a call to New Haven, Vt. Wm. W. Fay, of Bang inary, supplies July and August, 1882.

Rev. CLARENCE A. BECKWITH, pastor First ch., Brewer, from Jan'y resigns July, 1882, on account of ill health, to take effect Sept. 1.

Rev. Robert F. True, who supplied at East Bangor, was ordained 1 North Abington, Mass., Jan'y 25, 1882. He afterwards was called to connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, of San F Cal., which he accepted.

Rev. HENRY L. GRIFFIN  
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Hammond Street church,  
December 28, 1881. Coun  
at 2.30 P. M. Rev. Will  
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John S. Sewall, of Bangor  
Installation services at 7.3  
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minutes of the Council,  
Scribe; 3, reading of the  
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Paine, D. D., of Bangor; 4,  
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Baumbach; 5, sermon, Re  
Edward H. Griffin, D. D.,  
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Rev. John S. Sewall, D  
Bangor; 8, charge to past  
William H. Fenn, of Port  
right hand of fellowship,  
W. Field, D. D., of Bangor

Rev. Addison Blanchard, formerly State Missionary, is appointed superintendent of the mission field in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico, and is General Agent for Home Missions for the Pacific slope, west of the Rocky Mountains. Post office address, Denver, Col.

Rev. William C. Pond, installed pastor of Bethany church, San Francisco, Cal., Feb'y 23, 1882.

THE CHURCH EDIFICE IN BURLINGTON, WAS DEDICATED, July 7, 1882. Services:—hymn 109, (Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book,) "Come let our voices join," read by Mr. Geo. A. Dutton, of Hartford Theo. Seminary; invocation and reading the Scriptures, by Rev. Fred A. Bragdon, (Methodist) of Lincoln; prayer and reading hymn. Rev. Sylvester Besse, (Baptist) of Chester; hymn 1025, "Great is the Lord our God;" sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, 2 Chron. 24: 4, "Joash was minded to repair the house of the Lord;" dedicatory prayer, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown; hymn 1017, "I love thy kingdom, Lord;" benediction, by Rev. H. A. Freeman.

Before the prayer of dedication, it was announced that the sum of fifty dollars was needed to complete the payment for re-building, and pledges were made to cancel the same—so that the house was consecrated free of debt. Cost \$1835, with much gratuitous labor added; \$600 was raised by the "Ladies' Circle," and \$136 by the "Society of Young People." It will seat two hundred people.

The former meeting house was destroyed by fire seven years since, and from its ashes there sprang up a purpose in the hearts of a few women, that could not be thwarted by any discouragement, until their beautiful town should possess a temple for the living God. The dedication services were held in the afternoon. A social and preparatory service was held in the morning. Bangor Whig, July 10; Ch. Mir., July 15.

The church edifice at East Bangor, has been repaired and a new carpet provided...The spire of the First church, Bangor has been repaired...The church in Brewer have furnished their chapel in a very attractive and convenient manner...The church in Brewer Village are planning to build a chapel...The ladies of Milford have raised \$500, towards building a meeting house. (See page 7)...The ladies of Hampden made an effort to re-carpet the church edifice, and repair and paint the parsonage. A Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor, formed in Hampden, March, 1882; the pastor meets the members on Saturday afternoon; fifty active and twelve associate members.

Union service on Fast Day, April 13, 1882, in First church, Bangor; discourse by Rev. Chas. J. H. Ropes, on civil service reform...Memorial sermon before the B. H. Beale Post G. A. R., Bangor, in Central church, by Rev. G. W. Field, May 28, 1882...Discourse to young men, in Hammond St. church, by Rev. Henry L. Griffin, May 21, 1882...Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., of Pekin, North China, gave at Bangor, in Sept., 1881, some account of missions in that land. Rev. Joseph E. Walker, of Shan-wu, Foochow, Southern China, was in Bangor, May 7, 8, 1882, and spoke of the work of missions in that part of the land, at several places, including one address at the Chapel of the Theological Seminary...The work of foreign missions was presented in the three churches of Bangor, April 23, by Secretaries Clark and Alden...Harry W. French spoke of India, April 30, and June 11, '82...Rev. Albert E. Dunning, (Sec'y.) presented in Bangor, the work of the Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society, March 26, at a union meeting in First ch.; and the two following days in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary...Rev. S. W. Hanks, Dist. Sec'y, of Am. Seamen's Friend Society, presented the claims of Seamen, June 18, 1882.

Rev. Royal M. Cole and family, of Erzroom, Turkey, journeyed in Syria, or recruiting their health; at Nicomedia they heard of the entire destruction of their house by fire, together with the library, clothing, provisions, furniture, etc...Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, has letters in Ch.

Mr., Dec. 24, '81, and May 6, '82...Miss Emily C. Wheeler, of the same mission, has a letter in *Life and Light*, for August, '81 p. 290...George Allchin, missionary to Japan, was ordained in Middlebury, Vt., Sept. 4, 1881....Mrs. Benjamin G. Snow, arrived at the Gilbert Island, Micronesia, Aug. 15, 1881, on her return from the United States, and was warmly welcomed by the people; her health has not been good; on this account she returned to her native land, arriving in Boston, July 19, 1882...Miss Grace N. Kimball, and Miss Lottie Johnson, of Bangor, sailed in the "City of Berlin," from New York, June 17, 1882, as missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M., in Van, Turkey. They will go from Paris to Constantinople by rail, crossing the Black Sea by steamer to Trebizond, and thence by horseback, 250 miles, via Erzeroum, to Van...Mrs. O. P. Allen, missionary at Harpoot, with her daughter and niece, arrived at Bangor, July 14, '82.

A series of temperance union meetings was organized by the ministers of Bangor, during the winter and spring, which were held on Sabbath afternoons, at 3 o'clock...The Reform Club has met every Sabbath, at 4 p. M., in City Hall, at which clergymen, and friends of temperance are present...The Ladies' Crusade continue their meetings on Friday evenings, at City Hall, and sustain a prayer meeting at the rooms of the Reform Club...Rev. E. C. Crane, has given a course of lectures on temperance, at Hampden.

The State Young Men's Christian Association, met in Bangor, Oct. 21—23, 1881. Addresses by Rev. G. W. Field, of Bangor, on the duty of Christian young men; on Association work, by D. K. Remington, of Fall River; on the work of the Holy Spirit, by Rev. G. B. Hsley, of Bangor; on Christian work by Associations, S. M. Sangford, State Sec. of Mass.; on the work of the International committee, by E. W. Watkins, of New York; gospel temperance; reports and discussions. The Association in Bangor have re-organized, and are pursuing their work with energy and perseverance. H. C. Woods, of Harrisburg, Pa., was its Secretary from Nov., '81, to June, '82; Edward C. Frost, is now Secretary. The Association, by a contribution and the proceeds of a sale and entertainment at Norombega Hall, have furnished a suite of rooms attractively, including a reading room, parlor, chapel, gymnasium, boy's room, etc. Meetings are held during the week, at the rooms, and in other places. The hotels, streets, wharves, vessels, etc., are visited, and invitations extended to the rooms and to the churches. Lectures have been delivered occasionally on practical subjects. A meeting is held in the jail each Sabbath morning.

Services are held in the Old Ladies' Home, Sabbath afternoons, conducted by clergymen of the city. Mrs. Noah Woods bequeathed during the year, \$1000 to this institution, and \$1000 to the Bangor Children's Home.

NECROLOGY.—Mrs. Lydia (Parsons,) Burnham, in Bangor, May 5, 1881, at 92; ob. Ch. Mir., May 20...Mrs. Mary H. Pickering, in Bangor, Aug. 23, 1881, at 62; ob. Whig and Courier, Aug. 24; Ch. Mir., Sept. 8...Mrs. Sophia H. Brown, in Bangor, Nov. 4, 1881, at 91; ob. Whig, Nov. 5, 8, 9; Ch. Mir., Nov. 12...Miss Maria Thoreau, in Bangor, Dec. 8, at 87; ob. Ch. Mir., Jan'y 28, '82...Mrs. Josiah G. Eaton, a sister of the late Rev. Benj. G. Snow, (missionary) died in Hermon, Jan'y 3, 1882, at 51...Miss Sophia Stackpole, of Bangor, died in Houlton, Jan'y 22, at 85...Dea. Nahum Warren, in Veazie, March 23, at 76; notice in Ch. Mir., April 1, and by Rev. Smith Baker, in Whig, April 6, and Ch. Mir., Apr. 8...Mrs. Sarah Thomas, wife of Rev. A. J. McGown, late of Orono, died in Claremont, N. H., March 27, at 31; Ch. Mir., Apr. 8; their daughter, Mabel A., died at Orono, Sept. 4, '81, at 3 yrs...Mrs. Sarah Johnson, wife of Rev. H. M. Parsons, and sister of Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, died in Toronto, Ont., April 12, at 58; J. E. A., in Ch. Mir., Apr. 29...Mrs. Betsey Ramsdell, in Lincoln, May 36, at 83...Miss Teresa S. Wheeler, (a sister of Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, missionary in Turkey,) in Bangor, July 3, at 48.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, First, Arthur E. Gilman; Bangor, Hammond Street, Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central, Henry S. Brown; Ban-

gor, East, Allen C. Tibbets; Brewer, First, Alpheus Robinson; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent; Burlington, Miss M. C. Scammon; Dedham, Amos Moulton; Dixmont and Plymouth, Edward Taylor, p. t.; Dixmont, George H. Thayer, Plymouth; Hampden, B. W. Hardy; Holden, George C. Wiswell; Kenduskeag, B. F. Higgins; Lincoln, Robert R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Chas. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, T. B. George; Upper Stillwater, Miss Isa Rogers; Veazie, ———

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Bangor First, James H. Crosby; Hammond St., J. Milton Daggett; Central, Charles S. Pearl; East Bangor, Stephen O. Lilley; West Bangor, N. Wilmot Littlefield; Essex St., Bangor, Joseph Moore; Brewer, First, Manly Hardy; Brewer Village, J. Wyman Phillips; Burlington, Dea. Philip Page; Dedham, M. T. Gilmore; Dixmont and Plymouth, Dixmont (Union.) E. M. Doloff; Plymouth (Union.) J. O. Palmer; Hampden, Wm. C. Holt; Holden, J. Lawrence Copeland; Kenduskeag, B. F. Higgins; Lincoln, R. R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Charles A. Bailey; Orono, Merritt C. Fernald; Orrington, East, George W. Severance; Upper Stillwater, ———; Veazie, (Union.) John F. Towle.

Dea. E. F. Duren, *Scribe of Conference*; Charles S. Pearl, of Bangor, *Treasurer*. Semi-annual meeting with the church in Brewer Village, Jan. 9, 10, 1883.

**PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—*Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 92.—Rev. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor, *Scribe*.

### PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, two weeks before annual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** with the church of Foxcroft and Dover, October 18, 19, 1881. Rev. Charles A. Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises at the opening. Reports from the churches. Discussions:—How shall we reach those who do not attend the means of grace; the relation between pastor and people. Installation services of Rev. D. A. Morehouse, on Tuesday evening. Conference sermon, by Rev. James B. Hawes, of Monson, 1 John 5: 4, "Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, and Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson.

A meeting of the Woman's Missionary Meeting was held. One paper read, "What we need most," was published in Ch. Mir., March 25, '82.

**THE FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING**, with the church in Blanchard, June 13, 14, 1882, Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Opened by a conference and social meeting. Topics discussed during the sessions: 1. How may we awaken more interest among the people in the study of the Word of God, opened by Geo. M. Sanborn, of Abbot. 2. Danger of being influenced by wrong motives in christian work, Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland; 3. Christ our example in missionary work, Rev. Chas. L. Nichols, Brownville. Sermon by William G. Mann, a graduate of Yale Theo. Seminary, supplying at Monson, James 1: 22, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." Conference sermon, Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, John 17: 15, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them from the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one." A telegraphic greeting was received from Penobscot Conference, 2 Thess. 1: 2—to which the response was sent, Jude 21—25.

Rev. DARIUS ALLEN MOREHOUSE. (Hillsdale Coll. 4 yrs, Bangor Sem. 1868) installed pastor of the church of Foxcroft and Dover, October 18, 1881. Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, *Scribe*. Services in the evening: voluntary by the choir, "Hear my prayer;" statement by the Moderator, and reading of the minutes by the Scribe; invocation and reading of the Scriptures, 2 Tim. ch. 3, 4. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; prayer, Rev. C. A. Plummer (Methodist) of Foxcroft; anthem by the choir, "How beautiful;" sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Bangor, Eph. 6: 10. The character of the strong and valiant soldier of Christ—the excellence and importance of spiritual strength; installing prayer, by the Moderator; charge to pastor, by the Scribe; hymn, "We bid thee welcome;" right hand of fellowship, Rev. James B. Hawes, of Monson; charge to the church, Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville; prayer, Rev. T. N. Lord, (Baptist) of Dover; anthem, "When the hour comes for rest;" benediction by the pastor. Rec. Piscataquis Observer, Oct. 20; Ch. Mir., Oct. 20.

By the same Council, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, who was the pastor of Foxcroft and Dover church, from June 10, 1875, was dismissed.

Rev. THOMAS MATHEW DAVIES, (Swansea Ac.; Bangor Sem. 1874) acting-pastor at Dexter, from Dec. 1, 1881.

George Moore Sanborn, supplied for a time at Monson, afterwards at Abbot. He was licensed to preach by Piscataquis Association, June 13, '82.

Rev. John H. Gurney, pastor at Foxcroft 1869-'75, is called from Humboldt, Iowa, to Dover, Dakota. . . John L. Sewall, (Lic.) who supplied at Dexter for a time last year, is called to Westminster, Vt. . . The "Old Corporal's Poems," Ballads of Pathos, Humor and Satire, by Rev. Leander S. Coan, are published in a volume of 184 pps. . . Rev. John E. Todd, of New Haven, spent several weeks of his summer vacation in 1881, at Monson.

The church edifice at Foxcroft, has been repaired, re-painted, and frescoed. A parsonage has been purchased. . . A letter concerning Foxcroft and Dover, in Ch. Mir., July 30, '81, by the editor. . . Rev. D. A. Morehouse preached a discourse to the graduating class of Foxcroft Academy, May 7, '82. . . The church in Dexter received from Mrs. H. F. Abbot, a chandelier and pulpit lamps.

Piscataquis Teachers' Association, met in Brownville, May 23, 24, 1882.

Died, in Littleton, Mass., Aug. 10, 1881, Mrs. Mary Davee, formerly of Monson, wife of Rev. Wm. Sewall; funeral at Norwich, Vt. . . In Blanchard, Nov. 29, '81, Daniel Blanchard, Clerk of the church, and one of the original members of the church organized in 1833; ob. R. W. E., in Ch. Mir., Dec. 31. . . Mrs. Louise E., wife of Dea. George Curtis, in Garland, June 8, '82, æt 69. . . Mrs. Nancy P. Smith, widow of Dea. Stephen Smith, of Garland, died in Benicia, Cal., May, 1882; forty years a member of the church in Garland.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot Village, Washington W. Delano; Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Alvan D. Sturtevant; Brownville, Enos W. Stickney; Dexter, C. P. Barron; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Charles Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hescock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Abbot Village, W. W. Flynt; Atkinson, (Union School,) Russell Hart; Blanchard, Joseph B. Packard; Brownville, Adams H. Merrill, 2d; Dexter, Rev. Thomas M. Davies; Foxcroft and Dover, Edward P. Sampson; Garland, Henry Murdock; Greenville, F. L. Sawyer; Monson, Gustavus B. Hescock; Sangerville, (Union School.)

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference*; C. H. B. Woodbury, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Monson, Oct. 17, 1882.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting, Tuesday before second Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in connection with the Kennebec Association, in Winthrop, October 18, 19, 1881. Reported p. 73.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Skowhegan, June 13, 14, 1882. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. After devotional services, the opening sermon was delivered by Rev. Richard M. Peacock, of Solon. Matt. 17: 5, "Hear ye him." Topics for remarks:—1, the prayer meeting,—how shall it be conducted, to make it a success; 2, the Sunday school,—how conducted, and what instruction is necessary to bring its pupils into the church; 3, churches in Maine—why are they not growing. Report of the churches, by Augustus R. Bixby, *Scribe*. Ordination of Almon J. Rackliff, as pastor of the church in Skowhegan, Tuesday evening. Conference sermon by the Moderator. Eph. 5: 8, the children of light.

The greetings of the Penobscot Conference were received, with the text, 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17; response, 2 Thes. 1: 11, 12.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John Dinsmore, of Anson, and Wm. S. Sewall, of St. Albans.

ALMON JORDAN RACKLIFF, (Bangor Seminary, 1881.) ordained and installed pastor of the Island Avenue church, Skowhegan, June 13, 1882. Council met at 2.45 P. M., Rev. John S. Sewall D. D., of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville, *Scribe*. Installation services, 7.15 P. M.: 1, anthem, by the choir, "Glory be to God on high;" 2, report and minutes of Council, by Scribe, 3, invocation, Rev. Richard M. Peacock, Solon; 4, reading the Scriptures, Rev. O. J. Hancock, of Madison; 5, hymn, from "Plymouth Collection;" 6, sermon, by the Moderator, Acts 3: 6, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk;" 7, ordaining prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; 8, charge to pastor, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; 9, right hand of fellowship, by the Scribe; 10, address to the people, Rev. John Dinsmore, of North Anson; 11, address of welcome, Rev. Wm. O. Ayer, of the Baptist church, Skowhegan; 12, prayer, Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, of St. Albans; 13, anthem by the choir; 14, benediction, Rev. A. J. Rackliff.

Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY, acting-pastor of this church, from April 1, 1870, to May, 1881, accepts call to Foxboro, Mass. The church in Skowhegan, passed resolutions, July 21, commendatory of his labors among them, which are published in Ch. Mir., Aug. 13.

Rev. Temple Cutler, a. p., 1860-'1, accepts a call to Hamilton, Mass., Sept., 1881.

Rev. JOHN DINSMORE, (Bowdoin 1848. Bangor 1852) acting-pastor at Anson, from April 30, 1882.

Frederick G. Chutter, *Licentiate*, supplied at Mercer and Vassalboro, from May, 1881.

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D. D., sailed in steamer Parthia, for Europe, May 22, 1882. He accompanies his brother-in-law, Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, whom he meets in London.

A church of eight members was organized at North Anson, Dec. 22, 1881. Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Richard M. Peacock, of Solon, *Scribe*. Reading the Scriptures, and prayer, by Rev. John Dinsmore; sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. 2 Peter 3: 18, "Grow in grace;" consecrating prayer, by the Moderator; address to the church, and right hand of fellowship, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; prayer and benediction by the Scribe. Ch. Mir., Dec. 31.

A Literary Society has been formed at North Anson, for the improvement of its members in literary, scientific, and general information.

The church edifice at Skowhegan, was struck by lightning on Saturday night at about 10 o'clock, Aug. 6, 1881. It struck the spire, firing it, passing down the bell rope, damaging the plaster in the entry, tearing out the front of the building, burning the spire half way down before it was extinguished. Damage, \$700; insured.

The late Mrs. Clarissa Gould, of Norridgewock, bequeathed five hundred dollars to the church in that place, Feb., '82.

A union Thanksgiving service was held at Solon, Nov. 24. Rev. R. M. Peacock preacher.

A meeting of the Reform Clubs of Somerset County, was held in Madis March 15, 1882. A resolution was adopted, gratefully acknowledging the unswerving fidelity to the temperance cause, evinced by Hon. Nelson Dingle Jr., M. C., both in his Congressional labors, and in his intercourse with his fellow-men in Washington.

Died, in Skowhegan, Dec. 8, 1881. Dea. James Bell, æt 76; holding respectable offices in town, county and state; Clerk of the church in S., and active in christian work; ob. Boston Journal, Dec. 14; Ch. Mir., Dec. 17... In Athol August, 1881, Dea. William Varnum, the first and oldest deacon of the church... In Norridgewock, March 17, 1882, Mrs. Betsey (Weston) Bixby, æt 83, widow of Dea. Rufus Bixby, and mother of Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan... Solon. May 2, 1882, Mrs. Eunice P. Bodwell, wife of Dr. Mortimer Bodwell, æt 80.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens. W. Webster; Bingham, T. F. Houghton; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison East, David Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New Portland North, Dr. W. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, F. R. Buck; Solon, I. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Charles Jewett; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Anson, Asa M. Gilman; Athol, E. S. Dutton; Bingham, F. T. Houghton; Madison, Nathan Wood; Madison East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, R. C. Gray; New Portland North, Charles Wilber; Norridgewock, A. Kenniston; Skowhegan, Augustus R. Bixby; Solon, John T. Merrill; South Solon, Calvin Jewett; St. Albans, A. E. Fuller.

Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Semi-annual meeting, which will be in union with the Kennebec Conference will be held in Oct., 1882, in Monmouth. Next annual meeting in Bingham June 14, 15, 1883.

**SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.**—See Kennebec and Somerset Association, p. 76.

### UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized at Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting Tuesday, previous the second Wednesday in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last Tuesday in October, (two days.)

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Brownfield, O. 25, 26, 1881. Dea. J. P. Cobb, of Lovell, *Moderator*. After devotional exercises, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of Norridgewock. John 14: 26, the loss sustained by those nominal Christians who lose sight of, or ignore the presence and power of the Great Teacher a Comforter. Conference sermon, by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, Mark 13, "Go ye into the all world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Topi



for discussion: What is it to be a christian, opened by Rev. Wm. B. Hague, of South Bridgton; the christian training of children, Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton, and others; christian giving, Hon. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg, and others; the christian at the prayer meeting, Rev. N. Lincoln, of No. Bridgton, and others; how to promote a revival spirit in our churches. Verbal reports by delegates of the churches, indicated a general state of prosperity, without any very marked progress. A praise meeting of half an hour, Tuesday evening, was conducted by Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Hiram. Dea. Giles Shurtleff, of South Waterford, who for nearly thirty years has been a Colporteur of the Am. Tract Society, presented its claims. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, and Zenas Crowell, of Hiram.

"The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was enjoyed from the very beginning." "The hospitality of the people of Brownfield was largely manifested, and also very discreetly and courteously, by providing dinners for the entire Conference, in their neat and convenient town hall."

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Fryeburg, June 6, 7, 1882. Dea. J. P. Cobb, of Lovell, *Moderator*. At 10 A. M., June 6, organization and devotional exercises. 11 A. M., sermon, Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford, Heb. 12: 1, "Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight," etc.; Conference sermon Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Hiram, Ezek 36: 37, "I will yet for this be enquired of," etc; report of the churches, by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, Registrar, of Lovell. Subjects for addresses and discussions: 1, What, in the report of the churches, is humiliating, Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton; 2, "Our churches are weak," can a more positive and aggressive policy be devised, promising greater success—if so, what, Rev. Wm. B. Hague, South Bridgton; 3, Does the success or failure of a church, depend somewhat on the *laity*—or does it all, or chiefly, lie with the preacher, Deacs. Fifield, and Lovejoy; 4, What can be done to make the Sabbath school work more achieving, (a) By the children and youths, Rev. Z. Crowell, of Hiram; (b) By teachers and parents, Rev. J. S. Richards, Waterford; (c) By superintendents and pastors, Rev. O. W. Rogers, Bridgton; 5, Wherein lies the necessity or propriety of "liberalizing" the doctrines held by our churches, such as the Trinity, the plan of redemption, regeneration, the atonement, faith, the future state of the righteous and the wicked, Revs. Jordan, Goodrich, Hutchinson, Hague, Libbey, and others; 6, What is the great and especial need of all christians, that they may the better push on the Lord's work committed to them, towards completeness, Rev. I. H. Libbey, Deas. S. H. Warren, J. P. Cobb, and others. The topics were opened for general discussion by all, as each might select.

Miss E. B. Emery, of Gorham, who has visited among the freedmen at the south, gave a report of what she had seen, and of the need of sympathy and aid in the work of the Am. Missionary Association among them. A half hour's service of song and thanksgiving was held on Tuesday evening, led by Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg.

The salutations of the Penobscot Conference were received, with a reference to Col. 3: 15, 16,—to which response was given, 2 Thess. 2: 13—17, and 3: 1, 2.

The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. S. Girard Norcross, of North Conway, N. H., and Wm. B. Hague, of South Bridgton. "This Conference was large, sixteen of the seventeen churches being represented by pastor or delegates, and well attended by others. The discussions were spirited, interesting, and profitable; and the prayer meetings which began each day, were healthful and good. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present at all the sessions, and the meeting was one of the most profitable of the Union Conference."

Rev. Isaac H. Libbey, supplying at Otisfield and Casco, from Aug. 8, 1880, accepts a call to Franklin Conference,

*Albany.*—Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, acting pastor, May 14, to Oct. 30. . . Doane R. Atkins, who supplied 1870-'4, at intervals, accepts a call to City, Dakato Ter. . . George W. Bird, 1877-'8, is pastor South ch., Cl Wm. D. P. Bliss, 1881, accepts a call to Second Boulevard ch., Denve *Berlin Falls.*—Plans have been drawn for a new church edifice. *Bridgton.* The trustees of Bridgton Academy have voted to erect a building for a library, recitation rooms, dormitory, and vestry accommodations for the Congregational church and society, with kitchen, and dining room facilities, called "Farnsworth Hall." . . Re-union of the alumni, July 13, 1882, by Dexter A. Hawkins, Esq., of New York; poem by Rev. Trueman S. of Cumberland; history by A. S. Kendall, of Waterford. Graduating class, year, 22. . . Rev. John T. Rea, of Cotuit, Mass., in Bridgton, 1873-'76, sailed for Europe, July 16, 1881. *Casco.*—Rev. H. B. Carpenter, of Boston, asked library to be sent to the Sabbath school. *Fryeburg.*—Rev. Javan K. May, D., was appointed by the Governor, to represent, with Dr. Devoll, of Portland, this State at the Conference of Charities, in Boston, July 25, 1881. M. was appointed Secretary of the board. His report to the General Council, was published in the Portland Press, March 17th, 1882. . . Dr. . . preached in the Union Street Congregational church, St. John, N. B., in 1881, and received a call to the pastorate, but declined. . . Hon. Geo. B. Ba is preparing a history of Fryeburg. *Hiram.*—Letter from Rev. R. Henry at Kobe, Japan, in Ch. Mir., Oct. 8, '81. *Lovell.*—An unusual interest in study, has been manifested in the Sabbath school. *Otisfield.*—Rev. Is Libbey, who supplied here and at Casco, closed his joint labors, and returned himself during the winter to Casco. *Stowe and Chatham.*—Supplied months by Clarence Pike, of Union Seminary; a son of Rev. Ezra B. former minister of this people, and who left in 1873, and is now in At N. H. During that period this son in his boyhood, was received to the in Stowe. *Sweden.*—Rev. L. Goodrich, of Lovell, preaches here every Sabbath. . . The church sustains a meeting the alternate Sabbath, and bath School every Sunday. . . Floyd E. Sherman, who supplied in 1 commissioned to preach at Stockton, Lowell, and Northampton, in 1 *Waterford.*—Rev. J. S. Richards, supplying the First and Second churches issued a printed New Year's card January, 1882, addressed to his parish suggesting practical ways of doing and getting good with reference to moral and systematic benevolent contributions; on the other side of the card topics of the meetings. . . The Waterford Home School is noticed by Rev. Richards, in Ch. Mir., July 2, '81. . . Rev. Wm. W. Dow, a. p., 1869-'71, informed by his friends in frequent communications through the Mirror.

Successful temperance work has been in progress at South Bridgton. Fryeburg Temperance Association are prosecuting their christian work. young men go into the districts of the town on Sabbath afternoons, sob baths in the village. . . Mrs. W. H. Stickney, of East Brownfield, has ar in Mirror, Aug 13, '81, on the value of the International Temperance School Lessons. . . The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a Convention, in Hiram, Dec. 28, '81; Mrs. Professor Ricker, of Fryeburg an address on "Woman's work and influence;" Mrs. M. L. N. Stevedressed the children.

Died in Apopka, Florida, July 20, 1881, George Wadsworth, at 36; a faithful christian and loved Sunday school superintendent; a son of Gen Wadsworth, of Hiram; ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 27. . . In Portsmouth, N. H. . . Miss Martha P. Dow, at 52, sister of Rev. Wm. W. Dow, formerly of Waterford; ob. Ch. Mir., Oct. 8. . . Dea. Samuel Stickney, member of the church Brownfield, fifty years, and Deacon forty years, died Sept. 25, at 83; Mir., Jan. 21, '82. . . In Fryeburg, Israel B. Bradbury, M. D., Nov. 11, a steadfast supporter of the Congregational church. . . In Bethel, March: Mrs. Phebe (Chadbourne) Kimball, at 82; long a member of the ch

North Bridgton...In Sweden, April 13, Gilman Bennett, at 84; fifty years a member of the church in S.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, John H. Caswell; Bridgton North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton South, Thomas P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Moses S. Eastman; Denmark, Clara W. Davis; Fryeburg, Mrs. George S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Enoch Gammon; Otisfield, W. W. Andrews, P. O. Norway; Stowe and Chatham, Joshua Fifield, Stowe; Sweden, Lewis Frost; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford North, John D. Horr.

**SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.**—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Lewis Smith; Bridgton North, Charles H. Gould; Bridgton South, Joash O. Knapp; Brownfield, Jay L. Frink; Casco, James H. Tolman; Denmark, Dea. William F. Davis; Fryeburg, Andrew H. Evans; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, John Pierce; Lovell, Dea. J. P. Cobb; Naples, Freelon Walker; Otisfield, Rev. J. H. Libbey; Stowe and Chatham, Horace Binford; Sweden, Andrew Woodbury; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford North, George M. Knight.

Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

**UNION ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834.—Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. *Members, Minutes 1879, p. 93.* Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, North Bridgton, *Scribe.*

### WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Frankfort, Oct. 11, 12, 1881. Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Sandy Point, *Moderator*, who preached the opening sermon from Col. 1: 27, Theme, Christian hope, its source and tendency. Conference sermon, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, Ecc. 7: 29, The origin of man and of evil. Topics discussed: The Bible—is it gaining or losing influence,—and the new Bible version; the Holy Spirit; means of securing conversion; Home Missions; Hallowell Classical School, opened respectively by Revs. John A. Ross, of Belfast; W. R. Cross, of Camden; D. W. Hardy, of Searsport Second ch.; J. E. Adams, of Bangor; and A. Redlon, of Hallowell. Verbal reports from the churches. Devotional meetings conducted by Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport. Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. J. A. Ross.

**THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING**, with the church in Rockport, June 13, 14, 1882. Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Moderator*. Topics of discussion: 1, Worship: what it is—obligations to—advantages of; 2, Salvation: what it is—through whom received—and how; God's purpose in saving the individual in this life. Sermon, Tuesday evening, by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, John 4: 29, personal evidence in favor of Christ. Conference sermon by the Moderator, Titus 3: 8, The necessity of insisting on good works. Greetings from Penobscot Conference were received, adding Philemon, verse 3; response, Numbers 6: 26.

Rev. DANIEL WARREN HARDY, (Bowdoin 1861, Bangor 1871,) acting pastor of the church in Sandy Point, and the Second church, Searsport, from June, 1881.

Rev. MERRILL BLANCHARD, acting pastor at Winterport and Frankfort, from July 1, 1880, resigns July, 1882, and accepts call to Pavilion ch., Biddeford, to commence Oct. 1.

A young people's meeting is held in Searsport, each week, on Friday evening, at which the pastor is present.

The annual meeting of the Waldo County Bible Society, was held at Belfast, Oct. 9, 1881.

Rev. Trueman A. Merrill, at North Belfast, 1860-'3, accepts call to Chesterfield, Mass., May, 1882... Rev. Albert F. Newton, at Frankfort, 1874, is called from Townsend, Mass., to Second ch., Palmer, Mass.

Large temperance growth in Belfast, March, 1882... The Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Waldo County, held a session in Belfast, June, 1882.

William O. Poor, died in Belfast, Sept. 27, 1881, æt 72; ob. Ch. Mir., Oct. 8; Advance, Nov. 3, from Belfast Republican... Mrs. Jane C., wife of Augustus Perry, in Belfast, Oct. 18, æt 61; for thirty-eight years a member of the church in B.; ob. Ch. Mir., Oct. 29... Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, widow of Benjamin Shaw, in Winterport, May 1, 1882, æt 90; ob. S. H. H., Ch. Mir., June 3.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, First, Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast, North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, E. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, Rinaldo Elder; Jackson and Brooks, E. E. Morton, Jackson; Rockport, Jonas Merriam; Sandy Point, Mrs. Samuel French; Searsport, First, Rev. B. B. Merrill; Searsport, Second, J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Miss Helen Morrill.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Belfast, Augustus Perry; Belfast, North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, C. M. Brastow; Freedom, Joseph H. Brown; Frankfort, Hayward Pierce; Jackson and Brooks, Charles Croxford; Rockport, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow; Sandy Point, Robert S. Doe; Searsport, First, George L. Merrill; Searsport, Second, Mary A. Bailey; Unity, —; Winterport, Frank Haley.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting, Oct. 4, 5, 1882.

WALDO ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Four meetings in the year. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday in October, at the first full of the moon.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Machiasport, Oct. 4, 5, 1881. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, *Moderator*, who preached the opening sermon, from Luke 15: 13; Theme—Spiritual trading—the responsibility of the christian for the talents committed to him. Topics considered:—1, Does not the state of piety in our churches indicate that the Divine Spirit has been so slighted and grieved, as not to manifest his presence among us; 2, How may our churches be aroused to the necessity of our dependence upon the Holy Spirit for spiritual life; 3, Sabbath desecration; 4, How shall the latent force in the church be brought out in the prayer meeting, and in church work; 5, The relation of Christians to each other, and how they may best reach the unconverted, opened respectively by the Moderator, (1) Rev. Fredric E. Shaw, of East Machias; (2) Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, and Chas. Whittier, of Dennyville; (3) Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield; (4) Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton. A missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, who also presented the claims of the Maine Missionary Society, and took part in the discussions on several topics. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. E. Adams, and F. E. Shaw.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING with the church in East Machias, June 13, 14, 1882. Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, *Moderator*. Opened with devotional and consecration services. Sermon, Tuesday A. M., Rev. Everett L. Walbridge, of Millbridge, Heb. 10: 36, "Ye have need of patience." Conference sermon by the Moderator, Ps. 85: 6, revivals. Topics for remarks: 1. How shall we reach those who do not attend church, opened by Rev. C. H. Whittier, and Rev. R. H. McGown; 2. Some of the duties of the church, Revs. C. G. McCully, and G. E. Chapin; 3. Confession of Christ, and conversion of children, Revs. E. M. Cousins, E. L. Walbridge, D. Greene, and Dea. Peter E. Vose; 4. Some of the needs of the churches, Revs. G. W. Kelley, and D. E. Smith. An experience meeting, Tuesday, 2 P. M. Praise meeting at the opening in the evening, led by the Moderator. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 6 A. M. Reports of Scribe and Delegates. The salutations of Penobscot Conference were received, and 2 John v. 3, to which response was made, with the prayer, Hebrews 13: 20, 21. Women's missionary meeting in chapel. Meeting of the Washington County Bible Society, Rev. C. G. McCully, *President*; Rev. C. Whittier, *Secretary*. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Revs. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, and Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Deas. L. Penbody, of Princeton, P. E. Vose, of Dennysville, Gallagher, of Calais, and Stone, of Machias.

Rev. Chas. H. Pope, of Thomaston, was present the first day. "All the meetings were well attended—nine came from towns forty miles distant; ten from towns thirty miles away; adjoining towns sent delegations of eighteen to twenty each."

RICHARD HASTINGS MCGOWN, (Bangor Sem. 1878.) ordained pastor of the church in Machiasport, March 7, 1882. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator*; Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, *Scribe*. Anthem by the choir,—"The Lord is my Shepherd," from the "Chorister;" invocation, by Rev. Mr. Beckwith, (Baptist;) hymn, No. 1028, "How beauteous are their feet," (Songs of the Sanctuary;) reading Scriptures, by the Scribe; sermon, Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, Mal. 2: 7, the knowledge that a Christian minister should impart; ordaining prayer, and address to people, Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias; charge to pastor, by the Moderator; right hand, Rev. Edgar M. Cousins; hymn 172, "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;" benediction by the pastor.

Mr. McGown has been acting pastor of this church from Oct., 1881, with alternate Sabbaths at Marshfield and Whitneyville.

Rev. DANIEL ELIJAH SMITH, (Harvard 1877, Andover 1880,) acting pastor at Robbinston, from Jan. 1, 1882; supplying also at Red Beach. Mr. C. J. Strong, of Andover Seminary, at Robbinston, July 3, '81, to Sept., '81.

Mr. J. T. Horn, of Andover Seminary, supplied the church in Milltown, from July 3, 1881, to Aug. 28, 1881...Rev. Thomas Clawley, of St. Andrews, N. B., after Rev. Edgar F. Davis left, Nov. 13, 1881, remaining until May 7, 1882...George A. Marr, from Princeton Seminary, from May 14, 1882.

Rev. John B. Carruthers, left Pembroke and Perry, June 1, 1881; is now at Monmouth.

The church edifice in Marshfield, was dedicated Sept. 15, 1881. Invocation by Rev. C. J. Mills, of the Methodist church, Machias; hymn No. 3, Gospel Songs, "My Jesus I love thee," Rev. R. H. McGown, of Harrington; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Geo. E. Chapin, of Princeton; prayer, Rev. Everett L. Walbridge, of Millbridge; hymn 41, "Look ye saints, the sight is glorious;" sermon, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, John 17: 21, "That they all may be one," etc; dedicatory prayer, and reading hymn, Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias; hymn 98, "Heavenly Father we beseech thee, grant thy blessing ere we part;" benediction, by Rev. C. Whittier.

A committee of the church in Machias, have been appointed, to make arrangements for the centennial of its organization. Sept. 12, 1882.

The church in Dennysville, Rev. C. Whittier, pastor, published Jan'y 1, 1882, a card having on the first page, the church services; second—subjects for six months of the young people's prayer meeting, Monday evening; third—subjects for six months of the general prayer meeting; fourth—the order of public worship, and reference to benevolent contributions to be taken on the first and third Sabbath of each month, at morning service.

Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., of New Haven, Conn., preached in East Machias, his native place, in August, 1881. A praise meeting was held in the evening, with an address by Dr. Harris. Mr. Herbert Harris, also a native of the town, now an organist in Boston, presided at the organ.

Rev. Dr. Barrows, of Reading, Mass., gave an address in Cherryfield, Dec. 1881, on the frontier classes,—the Miner, Mexican, and Indian; he also favored the people with a course of lectures on the history of North America, particularly the United States...Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, pastor, gave an address in February, on the work of national evangelization in connection with the history of the American Home Missionary Society...The Congregational and Baptist churches united in a memorial service in connection with the "Hiram Burnham Post" of the G. A. R., Sabbath P. M., May 18...The church in Cherryfield have graded their lot for a chapel, and contracted to build.

Rev. Alfred F. Marsh, at Pembroke and Perry, 1865-'6 is called to Leadville, Col...Rev. Richard M. Burgess, at Topsfield, in 1873, is now in Michigan...Rev. George Hindley, at Princeton, 1874, is with the Second church in Omaha, Neb...Rev. Clarence Finster, at Princeton, 1875, is at Olive, Michigan.

The West Washington Sabbath School Association, met at Cherryfield, Jan'y, 1882, and at Millbridge, in April...Messrs. Dutton and Lane, of Hartford Theological Seminary, approved by the Am. Sunday School Union, to labor in Eastern Maine, to establish and strengthen Sunday schools; P. O. address, Millbridge.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Washington County, met at Calais, June 28, 29, 1882.

Dea. Arthur R. Willey, Clerk of the church in Cherryfield, died May 1, 1882, at 38...Lena Hoffman, a daughter of Rev. E. L. Walbridge, of Millbridge, died June 19, at 44.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts, p. t.; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Dea. Joseph A. Wilson; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias East, Dea. S. T. Foster; Machiasport, Alvin N. Harmon; Marshfield, Mrs. Melissa L. Foss; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Mrs. Frances M. Pattangall; Perry, Joseph S. Rogers; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., Stephen H. Hitchings; Topsfield, M. J. S. Crabtree, Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, James Pope, p. t.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Alexander, (Union,) B. A. Strout; Calais, C. P. Robbins; Cherryfield, Dea. Joseph A. Wilson; Cooper, (Union and Bible class,) Jason I. Doten; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. George A. Peabody, p. t.; Jonesport, D. J. Sawyer; Machias, Dea. Charles F. Stone; Machias, East, Austin Harris; Machiasport, Cyrus P. Sanborn; Marshfield, Ellery T. Smith; Milltown, Edward H. Balkham; Northfield, Stephen Smith; Pembroke, Ebenezer Wilder; Perry, Charles S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Topsfield, W. T. Johnson; Whiting, Dea. Merrill Dinsmore; Whitneyville, A. C. Palmer.

Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next session in Oct., 1882, at the call of the Scribe.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION,—reported in Minutes 1852—1873. Meeting in June and October. Sub. Association more frequently. Re-organized, June 12, 1878. *Members*,—Minutes 1879, p. 94. Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville, *Scribe*.

## YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1882. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October; each continue two days.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**, was held with the church in Center Lebanon, Oct. 19, 20, 1881. Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles E. Stowe, of Saco, John 17: 17—Theme, "sanctification through the truth." Conference sermon, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, John 7: 17—Theme, obedience as the organ of knowledge. Topics for discussion: 1, Spirituality (a) its nature and source, opened by Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford; (b) its influence on the possessor himself, Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk; (c) its influence on the church, Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells; (d) what will it lead a church to do for the world, Rev. E. Norton, of Wells, (First ch.) 2, Divine authority—(a) is it taught sufficiently in the family, opened by Rev. Wm. S. Thompson, of Acton; (b) is it made sufficiently prominent in the Sabbath school, Rev. Chs. H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; (c) is it made sufficiently prominent in the pulpit, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Buxton. Wednesday evening a praise meeting was held, conducted by Rev. David B. Sewall, of York, followed by short addresses on the spirituality of praise. The session Thursday morning, was opened by a prayer meeting, conducted by Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk. Revs. Edward Chase, and George A. Lockwood, officiated at the communion service, which closed the Conference. The sessions "were held with sustained interest to the end."

**THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING**, was held with the church in Saco, June 6, 7, 1882. Rev. Edward Chase, Biddeford, *Moderator*. Opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Prescott P. Fay, of Elliot.

Sermon Tuesday A. M., by Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Second ch., Wells, Heb. 7: 25, the power of Jesus to save. Conference sermon, Wednesday P. M. by Rev. Alpha Morton, of First ch., Wells, 2 Cor. 11: 3—the simplicity of the gospel, and of the Christian religion. Topic for remark: Preaching—1, why shall we preach, opened by Rev. David B. Sewall, of York; 2, what shall we preach, Rev. George B. Wilson, of Biddeford; 3, how shall the preacher preach, Rev. Edward Chase, of Kennebunkport; 4, the preacher himself, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick. After the opening of each topic, others followed. Tuesday evening was given to Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, of Boston, to present the work and claims of the Am. Missionary Association. The pastoral address, by Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, followed the report of the churches, Wednesday A. M. Resolutions adopted in memory of Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, acting pastor of First ch., Wells, 1875 to 1880, are published in Ch. Mir., June 17, 1882, (see Necrology.) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Joseph Freeman and David B. Sewall, of York; Deas. Beane, of Wells, and Blanding, of Saco, distributing the elements.

**EDDY THOMAS PITTS**, (Bates Coll, 1881.) ordained and installed pastor of the church in Limington, Feb. 8, 1882. Council met at 9 A. M. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells, *Scribe*. Installation services, 2 P. M.: anthem by the choir; invocation, Rev. David L. Jones, of Limerick; reading the Scriptures, Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Cornish; hymn 106; prayer, Rev. Orin Pitts, of Deerfield, N. H., (F. W. B.) father of the candidate; hymn 196; sermon by the Moderator, 2 Cor. 5: 20—Theme, the ministers and ambassadors of Christ; installing prayer, Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick; selection by the choir; charge to pastor, by the Scribe; right hand, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Newfield; address to people, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Hallowell; hymn 1010; prayer, Rev. Zenas Crowell; benediction by pastor. Mr. P. supplied also for a season, the church in East Baldwin.

By the same Council, Rev. REUBEN D. OSGOOD, was dismissed. Mr. O. resigned June 1, 1879, and went to Lyndon, Vt.

Rev. CHARLES EDWARD STOWE, (Harvard C., 1875, Yale, S. 1878) was installed pastor of the First Congregational church, Saco, November 30, 1881. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Invocation; hymn; Scripture reading, 2 Corinthians 4th ch.; prayer, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick; hymn; sermon, Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., 1 Cor 10: 4. "They drank of that spiritual rock that followed them: and that rock was Christ;" charge to pastor, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; right hand, by the Scribe; address to the people, by the Moderator; hymn; prayer; benediction by the pastor. (Mr. S. has been acting-pastor of this church from May 1, 1879.)

Rev. GEORGE MICHAEL, (Gettysburg C. 1871, Yale S. 1874) acting-pastor at Alfred, from Jan'y. 1872.

Rev. PRESCOTT FAY, (Amherst 1851, Andover 1855) acting-pastor at Kittery, from May, 1882.

Rev. MERRILL BLANCHARD, (Bangor Seminary 1880) accepts call of Pavilion church, Biddeford, and will commence labors Oct. 1, 1882.

Rev. EDWARD CHASE, pastor of Pavilion church, Biddeford, from Nov. 20, 1876; dismissed March 20, 1882. Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles E. Stowe, of Saco, *Scribe*.

Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, left West Newfield, May 1, 1881, and entered upon his labors in Hyde Park, Scranton, Pa., May 14, with promise of an earnest and useful ministry. Letter from him in Ch. Mir., June 17.

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY AND RE-UNION OF THE SECOND CHURCH IN BIDDEFORD, was held Nov. 16, 1881. Historical discourse by the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Wilson. Letters were read from three former pastors, and from absent former members. Rev. Edward N. Packard, of Dorchester, Mass., son of a former pastor, Rev. Charles Packard, read an address on the need of the Holy Spirit in church work. Remarks were made by Dea. Isaac Bickford, a member of the church fifty years. A lady who sung in the choir when Lafayette attended service in Biddeford, and others whose life was longer than that of the church, were present. The church began as a liberal religious society, and its house of worship was styled the "Temple of Reason." In 1828 it became evangelical; it has been blessed with many revivals, and has had a prosperous career.

*Alfred*.—Rev. R. S. Underwood, evangelist, aided in a series of meetings, which resulted in many conversions; letter Ch. Mir., April 22, 1882. *Biddeford*.—Bible readings in French, are given in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association... Rev. George S. Thrall, at Biddeford First ch., 1875, ordained pastor at Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 30, 1881. *Cornish*.—The church edifice to be repaired and improved, with the addition of a new steeple. *Kennebunkport*.—Dr. A. P. Graves, an evangelist, held a series of meetings—Mrs. Graves giving special attention to the young. *Lebanon*.—The "Little Cedars of Lebanon" raised \$37 towards the support of a Turkish girl in the Constantinople Home, beyond the amount pledged. *Limerick*.—The ladies have secured \$105 by their efforts towards paying for a parsonage. *Limington*.—Mrs. Harriet Moody furnished the church with a beautiful pulpit set of black walnut, (three chairs, an altar, and three lamp rests) on Christmas day... The church held a Christmas service, and Sunday school celebration, with fine decorations and emblems. *Lyman*.—The ladies held an entertainment, the proceeds of which go to the furnishing of their church edifice. *Saco*.—Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe conducted a Bible class of young men during her summer residence here with her son... Cornelius Sweetser has given large amounts for a public park, for lectures to improve and elevate the public mind, to different religious societies, to the York Institute of Instruction, to Sabbath schools, to Cemetery Corporation, to public schools, to Thornton Academy, library fund, to minister at large, Old Ladies' Home, chapel at Laurel Hill, and to the Orphan Asylum;



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value of estate, \$250,000... Rev. Benson M. Frink, pastor 1870-'73, was welcomed to his new charge at South Abington, Mass., March 21, 1882... Rev. C. Hill, of Utah, gave a lecture on the Mormons, Sept. 25, 1881. York.—The spire of the old meeting-house which has pointed heaven-ward one hundred and thirty-five years, and under which Father Moody and others have preached, is to give place to a new steeple... The First ch. completes improvements on their edifice July, 1882... A sermon by Rev. David B. Sewall, "Peace by obedience," is published in Ch. Mir., Aug. 20, '81.

The ministers of the Evangelical churches in the Ossipee towns of Limerick, Cornish, Newfield, Parsonsfield, and Limington, met at the house of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, at West Newfield, Nov. 21, 1881, and organized an Association of ministers and laymen, under the name of the Church Union of Ossipee Towns, for the purpose of united effort in bringing about a revival of interest in the churches, and deepening the work of grace in the heart and life, Meetings to be held once in two weeks, in one of the towns above named.

The National Christian Temperance Union, held a session of four days, Aug. 13 to 18, 1881, at Old Orchard... In 1882, Aug. 13—16, at same place.

The York County Educational Association, met at Limington, Sept. 3, 4, '81. and at Alfred, Feb'y 24, 25, '82.

Mrs. Susannah Trafton, died in Alfred, July 17, 1881, æt 98½; sixty-two years a member of the church in A.; Ch. Mir., Aug. 6... Dea. Dominicus Jordan, in Saco, Jan'y 14, 1882, æt 74; a member of the church fifty years; an earnest advocate of evangelical truth; Ch. Mir., Jan'y 21... Thomas Grant, in Acton, Feb'y 13; a resident member of Cong'l ch. seventy-six years... In Framingham, Mass., April 18, Capt. Charles Williams, a native of Kennebunk; interested in the welfare of seamen; removed to Framingham in 1857; ob. Ch. Mir., May 20. In West Newfield, Mrs. Hannah Mead Garland, April 24, æt 94; widow of Dea. John Garland; a devoted christian; (Her son Benjamin Mead, graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1843.) Ob. Ch. Mir., June 3.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, First, John R. Staples; Biddeford, Second, Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavillon, E. S. Morris; Buxton South, James Towle; Buxton North, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Alexander Shapleigh; Kennebunk, Union, Dea. Joseph Titcomb; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport South, P. A. Twombly; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, Winburn Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, David Goodwin; Newfield West, Dea. E. H. Symes; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, No. Parsonsfield; Saco, James W. Littlefield; Sanford, Prescott Emery; Sanford South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, Mrs. Clark; South Berwick, Rev. George Lewis; Wells, First, John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second, John Goodwin; York, First, Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second, Rev. Joseph Freeman.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Acton, Lyman Gerrish; Alfred, John M. Akers; Biddeford, First, —; Biddeford, Second, E. H. Staples; Biddeford, Pavillon, E. S. Morris; Buxton North, J. Hill; Buxton South, Arthur S. Towle; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Dr. C. H. Gubtill; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. George A. Lockwood; Kennebunkport, First, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, Palmer A. Twombly; Kittery, M. E. Berry; Lebanon, Samuel Shapleigh; Limerick, George Swasey; Limington, W. Scott Small; Lyman, Jacob Smith; Newfield West, Dr. E. G. Reynolds; Parsonsfield, J. G. Wedgwood, (Union); Saco, B. N. Goodale; Sanford, Dea. George Gower; Sanford South, James L. Tripp; Shapleigh, —; South Berwick, John H. Plumer; Wells, First, Barak Maxwell; Wells, Second, George W. Littlefield; York, First, John E. Staples; York, Second, Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. William S. Thompson, Acton, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Elliot, Oct. 17, 1882.

**YORK ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. *Members, Minutes 1879, p. 94, Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells Scribe.*

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, N. H., formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H. *Scribe.*

The centennial of this Association was held at Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 27, 1881; historical address by Rev. George B. Spaulding, of Dover, N. H.

**Ministers Without Charge.**

		Ordained.	
15.....	Falmouth.....	1851, August	19
Adams.....	Bangor.....	1859, October	19
aker.....	Farmington Falls.....	1865, June	29
.....	Standish.....	1832, March	7
astow.....	Rockport.....	1865, October	11
l.....	Phillips.....	1828, June	3
m.....	Farmington.....	1858, July	28
rr.....	Hallowell.....	1875, July	27
Campbell.....	Brunswick.....	1868, October	28
thers, D. D.....	Portland.....	1819, June	8
an.....	Kennebunkport.....	1842, December	8
.....	Kennebunkport.....	1863, January	8
umblings.....	Portland.....	1858, March	17
man.....	Bath.....	1838, February	7
B. Denio.....	Bangor.....	1881, January	11
mons.....	Hallowell.....	1859, November	13
uld.....	Bethel.....	1839, October	23
ding.....	Hallowell.....	1855, October	17
y.....	Warren.....	1823, October	15
.....	South Freeport.....	1837, October	26
ordan.....	Saco.....	1836, September	13
ep.....	Ashland.....	1847, January	4
np.....	Brooksville.....	1856, February	28
ght.....	Fort Fairfield.....	1843, September	18
ln.....	Bangor.....	1862, September	20
ord.....	Limerick.....	1837, August	10
.....	Yarmouthville.....	1842, June	15
ng.....	Winthrop.....	1850, June	20
.....	East Otisfield.....	1833, September	10
orn.....	Springvale.....	1836, December	18
good.....	Bluehill.....	1871, October	24
S. Packard, D. D.....	Brunswick.....	1850, May	16
Palne, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1861, October	9
er.....	Belfast.....	1832, September	29
arson.....	Brunswick.....	1870, November	9
e.....	Hollis.....	1836, August	1
ter.....	Brunswick.....	1852, October	25
tt.....	Strong.....	1867, November	7
J. H. Ropes.....	Bangor.....	1877, August	15
Sewall, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1859, April	20
iner.....	Bucksport.....	1854, January	27
.....	Bangor.....	1842, November	10
. Stearns, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1873, October	14
er.....	Scarboro.....	1850, March	30
ott, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1836, December	7
pan.....	Weld.....	1826, November	14
r, D. D.....	Ellsworth.....	1831, August	10
nton.....	Scarboro.....	1851, June	4
ton, D. D.....	Searsport.....	1826, August	9
mb.....	Farmington.....	1855, June	6
en, D. D.....	Portland.....	1842, April	20

**Pastors Installed for the Year Ending May 7, 1882.**

Dwight M. Seward, D. D. . . . .	Portland, Plymouth ch. . . . .	1881, June 22.	Page
Henry E. Mott . . . . .	Augusta, South ch. . . . .	1881, Sept. 20.	"
Darius A. Morehouse . . . . .	Foxcroft and Dover . . . . .	1881, Oct. 18,	"
William F. Obear . . . . .	Winthrop . . . . .	1881, Oct. 19,	"
Charles E. Stowe . . . . .	Saco . . . . .	1881, Nov. 30.	"
Henry L. Griffin . . . . .	Bangor, Hammond St. . . . .	1881, Dec. 28,	"

**Pastors Ordained and Installed, for Year Ending May 7, 1882.**

Charles W. Huntington . . . . .	Ellsworth . . . . .	1881, Sept. 6,	Page
Charles E. Andrews . . . . .	New Castle, Second ch. . . . .	1881, Oct. 1,	"
Richard H. McGown . . . . .	Machiasport . . . . .	1882, March 7	"

**Ordained as Evangelists, for Year Ending May 7, 1882.**

Everett L. Walbridge . . . . .	East Bangor . . . . .	1881, June 2,	Page
Robert W. Jamison . . . . .	Bangor . . . . .	1881, June 2,	"
Henry C. Robinson . . . . .	Philpsburg . . . . .	1881, June 21,	"
Gilman Rice . . . . .	Sumner . . . . .	1881, Oct. 12,	"
Isaac C. Bumpus . . . . .	Sherman . . . . .	1881, Oct. 23,	"
Eddy Thomas Pitts . . . . .	Limington . . . . .	1882, Feb. 8,	"

**Pastors Dismissed during the Year Ending May 7, 1882.**

S. Lewis B. Speare . . . . .	Bangor, First ch. . . . .	1881, May 5,	Page
Alfred J. McGown . . . . .	Orono . . . . .	1881, May 19,	"
Edward Y. Hincks . . . . .	Portland, State Street . . . . .	1881, May 26,	"
Charles J. H. Ropes . . . . .	Ellsworth . . . . .	1881, Sept. 6,	"
William F. Obear . . . . .	New Castle, Second ch. . . . .	1881, Oct. 1,	"
Herbert A. Loring . . . . .	Foxcroft and Dover . . . . .	1881, Oct. 18,	"
Edward Chase . . . . .	Biddeford, Pavilion ch. . . . .	1881, Nov. 8,	"
John P. Trowbridge . . . . .	Standish . . . . .	1881, Nov. 8,	"
Reuben D. Osgood . . . . .	Limington . . . . .	1882, Feb. 8,	"

**Ministers Resigned, or Asked Dismission.**

Jonathan Edwards . . . . .	West Newfield . . . . .	1881, May,	Page
John B. Carruthers . . . . .	Pembroke and Perry . . . . .	1881, June,	"
John F. Morgan . . . . .	Portland, West ch . . . . .	1881, July,	"
Joseph F. Cogswell . . . . .	West Auburn . . . . .	1881, October,	"
Clarence S. Sargent . . . . .	Brewer Village and East Orrington . . . . .	1881, October,	"
Henry Farrar . . . . .	Weld . . . . .	1881, November,	"
Richard S. Whidden . . . . .	Caribou . . . . .	1882, May,	"
David L. Davis . . . . .	Pittston . . . . .	1882, June,	"
Caleb L. Rotch . . . . .	New Sharon and Farmington Falls . . . . .	1882, June,	"
Clarence A. Beckwith . . . . .	Brewer, First ch . . . . .	1882, July,	"
Merrill Blanchard . . . . .	Winterport . . . . .	1882, July,	"
Frederic E. Emrich . . . . .	Mechanic Falls . . . . .	1882, July,	"
Isaac H. Libbey . . . . .	Otisfield and Casco . . . . .	1882, July,	"
Lewis J. Thomas . . . . .	Castine . . . . .	1882, July,	"

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Rev. **WOODBURY STORER KIMBALL**, in Presque Isle, Me., January 30, 1882, æt 39.

Mr. K., the son of Hersey and Mary (Harris) Kimball, was born in Newbury, Mass., Sept. 9, 1843. Preparatory studies were pursued in the schools of Newburyport; graduated at Amherst Coll., 1863; from Bangor Theo. Seminary, in 1867; his theme at Seminary, "The study of men important to the minister." Licensed by Penobscot Association, July 10, 1866. He went to Dexter, August 1, 1867, and was ordained pastor of the church in D., September 3, 1867; dis. July 7, 1869; acting-pastor at Farmington, N. H., Sept. 1, 1869, to Nov. 7, 1871; at Greenfield, Mass., from Feb. 1, 1872; installed pastor, March 1, 1872; dis. Oct. 4, 1875; acting-pastor of First church, Wells, Me., Nov. 1, 1875, to May 1, 1880; acting-pastor at Presque Isle, Me., from August 1, 1880. He felt that God had called him to this post, and through manifold discouragements and trials, he had come to see hopeful changes and success. He had worked with great perseverance, until his health was undermined, and a slight chill brought on violent attacks of pneumonia, of which he died. He had fine abilities, loyal to truth and duty, with the promise of life and usefulness. On the 9th October, 1867, he was united by marriage with Miss Sara Spofford, (daughter of Col. W. P. Spofford,) who survives him, with three children. Funeral services were held in Presque Isle, and also at Newburyport, Mass., where the interment took place. Tribute in Ch. Mir., Feb. 18, by B. P. S.; and Advance, Feb. 16, by N.

Rev. **JONATHAN CLEMENT**, D. D., in Norwich, Vt., September 6, 1881, æt 84.

Dr. C., the son of William and Abigail (Hill) Clement, was born in Danville, Vt., June 20, 1797. Graduate of Middlebury College, 1818; Andover Theo. Sem'y, 1821; instructor in Phillips Academy, 1820-'30. Ordained pastor of the Cong'l ch., Chester, N. H., October 13, 1830; dis. Sept. 10, 1845; installed pastor, Topsham, Me., Feb. 1, 1847; dis. May 15, 1852; installed pastor, Woodstock, Vt., July 15, 1852; dis. June 12, 1867, when he removed to Norwich, Vt., where his last years were passed. During this period, he supplied the church in Quechee,

Vt., 1869-'74. Dr. C. was a good scholar, an able preacher, a faithful pastor, a genial man—widely known, and sincerely loved. An address on the death of Hon. Wm. M. Richardson, Chester, N. H., was published in 1838. Mr. C. had been in poor health, and having recently fallen and broken his thigh, and received other injuries, he was unable to rally. His wife, Phebe Foxcroft Phillips, of Andover, Mass., honored and beloved, died two years since. His first wife, Morillia D. Hemenway, died March 6, 1823. Three sons have died. A daughter is the wife of Professor Putney, of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Another daughter administered to his declining years. Cong'l st, Sept. 14. Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 25.

Rev. WAKEFIELD GALE, in East Hampton, Mass., Oct. 2, 1881, of dysentery, aged 84.

Mr. G., the son of Joseph and Susannah (Frye) Gale, was born in Pembroke, N. H., Jan. 18, 1797. He fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1822; from Andover Theo. Seminary, 1825. Acting-pastor of First Evangelical church, at Eastport, from Oct. 30, 1825; ordained as an evangelist, at Salem, Mass., May 17, 1826, while a missionary at Eastport; installed pastor, February 19, 1829; dismissed November 24, 1835. During his labors here, there was an increase of interest in the ordinances of the Gospel, until 1834. At that time it was thought that they could maintain them, without aid from the Missionary Society. In 1831, during a revival, twenty-six were added to the church; in 1834, thirty were added. In 1829, he supplied also, Robbinston and Lubec, a part of the time.

Mr. G. went to Rockport, Mass., in December, 1835, and was installed pastor of the First church, May 4, 1836; dismissed February 10, 1865. He welcomed three hundred and fifty-two to church membership during these twenty-nine years.

In 1866, he removed to East Hampton, Mass.; and was acting-pastor at West Granville, Mass., from April, 1867, to 1870. He has been residing at East Hampton, without charge, since that time. "He was an ideal parish minister of the olden time, commanding in presence, robust in health, affable in social intercourse, kindly stooping with a smile for every child; conservative by nature, faithful in rebuke, sympathizing in his people's sorrows; a man to be counselled with and trusted; a man who, like his Master, 'having loved his own, loved them to the end.'" Cong'l st, Oct. 12; R. B. H., in Advance, Oct. 13; Ch. Mir., Oct. 15; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 31.

Rev. HARVEY MERRILL STONE, in Saundersville, Mass., October 21, 1881, of erysipelas, æt 62.

Mr. S., son of Col. John and Betsey (Huntoon) Stone, was born in Cabot, Vt., September 1, 1819. He pursued his classical studies at Bangor, and graduated from the Theological Seminary, Bangor, in 1847. Licensed to preach, at a joint meeting of the Hancock and Waldo Asso-

ciation, at Bucksport, Nov. 3, 1846. He went to Bluehill, after leaving the Seminary, and was acting-pastor from Sept. 2, 1847; ordained pastor, November 2, 1848; dis. March 9, 1854; acting-pastor at Waldoboro, March 21, 1854, to June 20, 1857; installed pastor at Gardiner, July 8, 1857; dis. Dec. 5, 1860; inst. Middleboro, Mass., April 30, 1861; dis. March 31, 1863; acting-pastor at South Dennis, Mass., Oct. 11, 1863, to 1867; installed pastor at Laconia, N. H., Feb. 11, 1868; dis. Dec. 19, 1870; installed pastor at Rochester, N. H., May 18, 1871; dis. Jan. 28, 1875; acting-pastor at Miller's Falls, Mass., 1875-'76; acting-pastor at Worthington, Mass., 1876-'7; installed pastor at Saundersville, Mass., Dec. 18, 1877. For several years he has been contending with disease, but has endeavored to pursue his labors faithfully and cheerfully. A few days before his death, he entertained the Ministerial Association, of which he was as active member, greeting the ministers in his usual genial way. He was diligent and faithful in his work. Mr. S. was united in marriage, Oct. 4, 1847, to Miss Elizabeth S. Parsons, of Orono, who survives him. Cong'l Quarterly, April, 1876, p. 308; Boston Jour., Oct. 24, '81; Ch. Mir., Oct. 29; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 39.

Rev. DAVID SHEPLEY, D. D., in Providence, R. I., December 1, 1881, at 77.

Dr. S., the son of Daniel and Eunice (Blood) Shepley, was born in Solon, Me., June 1, 1804, where he resided for ten years; the next six years in Norridgewock. He prepared for college at Saco Academy, P. Pratt, principal, in 1820-'21; graduated at Bowdoin College, 1825; Andover Seminary, 1828. He was called to the church in North Yarmouth, (now First church, Yarmouth,) in November, 1828, and was ordained pastor February 18, 1829, and remained its devoted pastor for more than twenty years, being dismissed April 24, 1849. He was acting-pastor at Madison, 1850-'51, and was called to the pastorate, but declined. During this period he supplied also at South Anson, Raymond, and Casco. The expense of the mission at the last two places, was sustained by a lady of Massachusetts.

On the 5th September, 1851, he was commissioned by the Maine Missionary Society, to go to Winslow, where he remained as acting-pastor until June 7, 1863—the people aiding in his support, and with them he fulfilled a successful work. They were able, in 1854, to cheerfully raise \$1,200, to repair their meeting-house, and promptly paid it. From 1859 to 1862, he received no aid from the Missionary Society.

Dr. S. was acting-pastor of Central church, Yarmouth, from Dec. 29, 1864, to Sept. 9, 1865. In 1871, he went to Providence, R. I., which has been his residence from that time, occasionally preaching and taking part in the meetings of Associations and Conferences.

Dr. S. was Recording Secretary of the General Conference of Maine, 1836-'40; its Moderator 1852, '53, '54; he preached the Conference sermon, at Hallowell, (1 Cor. 9: 27,) "Lest when I have preached to

others," etc.; and a special sermon in 1831, at Fryeburg, the year the wonderful revival which attended and followed the meeting of Conference in that place—(Rom. 7 : 9,)—theme, the sinner's security, fled before the light of God's law. He was a Trustee of the Maine Missionary Society, from 1848 to 1870; its provisional Secretary, January July, 1864; office Secretary, six months longer, to January 1, 1865, preacher before the Society at Fryeburg, 1845, (2 Cor. 4 : 13) "also believe, and therefore speak," etc; a Trustee of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, 1846 to 1871; its Treasurer, 1856 to 1865; Director in the Maine Branch of the American Education and Coll Society, from 1833 to 1871; and on various Committees of Conference. Trustee of Bowdoin College, from 1867—from which institution he received the degree of S. T. D., in 1868. He was also President Trustee of Yarmouth Academy.

He was a frequent contributor to the *Christian Mirror*, and other papers. Among his writings that have been published in book form, *The Great Motive to Ministerial Fidelity*; *The Laws of Christ*, at the invitation of Rev. S. H. Shepley, New Gloucester, 1838; *Conviction Essential to Missionary Exertions*; *The Good Servant, Welcomes his Reward*, at funeral of Dea. Jacob Mitchell, Yarmouth, 1848; *Church Manual*, and *History First Church, Yarmouth*, 64 pp., 1848; *Memorial with Sermons*, of Rev. J. W. Peet, Norridgewock, 344 pp., 1854.

Dr. S. was a defender of the faith, an instructive preacher, a good pastor—ready to aid every good word and work, and withal of a liberal scholarly mind and a devoted spirit.

He never lost his interest in Maine, during his residence with a brother in Providence. He wrote, in 1877: "Though I have left Maine, nothing important to its welfare is foreign to me. Was any one more than I present in spirit at the semi-centennial, in Portland, last year? the facts of the history of the half-century cause the heart of another more to bound? Has another more than I been moved in the reading of the papers of the brethren Packard and Cutter? Is there a man more prizing more than I do his copy of the last published Minutes, indeed of all the years? I have of late, in thought been much in Maine, hearing as I have, of the work of God in many of her towns, especially Yarmouth." Dr. S. married Myra Nott, of Saybrook, Conn., May 1830. Four of his six children are living. Notice by T. L., in *Mirror*, Dec. 10, from *Providence Journal*; E. F. D., in *Lewiston Journal*, Dec. 28; *Boston Journal*, and *Congregationalist*, Dec. 7; *Cong. Year Book* 1882, p. 39.

Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON THAYER, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dec. 1881, æt 72—of acute bronchitis.

Mr. T., the son of William and Sarah (Whitcomb) Thayer, was born in Thetford, Vt., June 3, 1809; a lineal descendant on the maternal side, from John Alden, inheriting the spirit of the Pilgrims. Unable to complete his college course, he nevertheless secured a good class



education at Thetford Academy, Vt., and Bangor Classical Institute, 1832-'34, and graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary, in 1837. He was commissioned by the Am. Bd. C. F. M., to accompany his classmate, Cyrus Hamlin, to Africa, but failing health prevented him, and Mr. Hamlin went to Turkey. Mr. T. preached for a time at Waterville; was ordained pastor at Orono, March 20, 1839; his health failing, he asked a dismission, which a Council granted Oct. 9, 1839. In 1843-'44, he fulfilled mission work in Wisconsin; was installed pastor at South Hadley, Mass., Feb'y 4, 1840; dis. March 29, '42; acting-pastor at South Deerfield, Mass., 1845. He was seven years in Lyndon, Vt., 1846-'52. Since 1852, he has resided in St. Johnsbury, Vt., performing home missionary work in Vermont, and was identified with the business, educational, and religious interests of the town. He was the first Librarian of the Athenæum, 1870-'80. Two years since he was prostrated with severe illness, and for nearly a year was almost helpless. He married (1) Elizabeth Garland, of Bangor, March 21, 1839, who died January 21, 1845; (2) in 1847, March 4, Charlotte Phelps, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., who died June 26, 1855; (3) in 1857, Sept. 4, Mrs. Almira Fairbanks. A daughter is the wife of Rev. E. T. Fairbanks. Notice, Cong'l st, Dec. 21; Ch. Mir., Dec. 31, E. F. D.; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 40, H. A. Hazen.

Rev. JAMES CAMERON, in San Francisco, Cal., January 5, 1882, æt 66.

Mr. C., the son of William Cameron, M. D., was born in Greenock, Scotland, Sept. 19, 1816. His mother was daughter of the crown-advocate of Ayrshire. He was well educated in different languages, in mathematics, chemistry, geology, etc., at the Royal Military Academy, and Edinburg University.

In 1833, he was sent to this country, into a British commission house. Mercantile life proving distasteful, he pursued portrait and landscape painting successfully as a profession. In 1844, he married Miss Emma S. Alcott, of Philadelphia, and in about a year afterward removed to Italy with her, where he studied and practised his profession with good success, nearly four years. On account of severe sickness, he returned to this country for a visit; but a mother's love and advanced age caused him to purchase a home in Chattanooga, Tenn. There he was elected deacon of a church, and superintendent of the Sabbath school, remaining until eight months after the rebellion broke out, whence, in consequence of persecution for refusing to aid the rebel cause, he finally escaped into the national lines at Nashville. During the war his home-place was occupied, and Gen. Grant ordered it named "Citadel Cameron," in reward of his loyalty. While residing in Nashville, he was elected an elder in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Cameron rendered valuable gratuitous service to her country, in Nashville, as President of the Ladies' Aid Society. She had the care of disbursing \$24,000 in money, (for the most part,) and clothing.

A Senator from Milwaukee offered Mr. C. a third part of his practice in law, if he would study law with him eighteen months. But after a brief beginning, he gave it up, judging the Master had other work for him to do. He removed to Philadelphia in the summer of 1865, resuming his profession. He was elected a ruling elder in the Olivet Presbyterian church, retaining the office until he became connected with the church in Greenville, Me. He came thither attracted by the beautiful and romantic scenery of the lake. But he withdrew from his artistic interests to labor as an evangelist in the town and vicinity, extending his influence among the thousands of lumbermen in the region beyond.

The Master seeming to say plainly to him, "Reap a harvest for me here," he commenced his labors Sept. 1, 1868, and continued them to July, 1872. He was licensed to preach by the Piscataquis Association. Feb. 16, 1870; ordained by a Congregational Council June 25, 1870. (Minutes 1870, p. 47.) He did effective gospel-work, and laid a substantial foundation upon which a goodly superstructure is rising, in charge of his successor. From October, 1872, he did good service in the church at Waterville, remaining till April, 1874. Mrs. C. was in each of these places an efficient helper. On account of the severity of the climate, they removed to California.

After a brief sojourn in Alameda, Cal., preaching in the Presbyterian church, he went to San Bernardino, where he labored with great success, until he finally settled in a home at Colton. A church edifice was here built through the active exertions of Mr. and Mrs. C. The health of Mr. C. failing, he came to Mills Seminary, where he remained until called to the Second Presbyterian church, of Oakland.

In June, 1881, he was stricken with typhoid fever; suffering a relapse, he became quite feeble, and with a lurking tendency to rheumatism, which settled in his feet. A call from the Sandwich Islands, seemed like a Divine Providence looking to his restoration. Preparations were made for a departure on the 7th of January. An operation on his foot seemed desirable, which was successfully accomplished. There was provided a preparation of carbolic-acid for external application, and placed upon a shelf in a closet. By its side was another glass containing a tonic, to be used internally. At the time the latter was to be given, the attendant took the wrong vessel, that which contained the poison. Every appliance was resorted to, that the terrible effects might be prevented, but it was in vain, and death ensued in less than half an hour.

"A Christian cannot die before his time,  
The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour."

In his Christian faith, Mr. C. was simple and sincere; there was earnestness of soul and enthusiasm in his work, with an intense love to his Saviour, and the manifestation of love and pity in beseeching men to become reconciled to God. "Conversation with the humblest, of whatever color or clime, seemed to afford him as genuine happiness as the

society of the refined and the wealthy ; and his pleasant smile and cheerful words, were prized and spoken of by all who came in contact with him."

Notice in the *Occident*, San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18, 25 ; *Piscataquis Observer*, C. D., Jan. 19 ; *Ch. Mir.*, March 4.

Rev. ABRAM MAXWELL, in West Andover, Ohio, January 30, 1882, *et* 50—of Bright's disease.

Mr. M. was born in Sweden, Me., December 6, 1832. While pursuing his preparatory studies, he taught school at intervals ; graduated at Bowdoin College, 1861 ; and from Bangor Theological Seminary, 1866 ; licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association, at Bangor, July 11, 1865 ; and renewed for three years, July 10, 1866. He was ordained pastor at Sumner, August 30, 1866 ; dis. May 5, 1868 ; acting-pastor at Weld, from July 1, 1868, to Nov. 1, 1869. He was nine years in Nebraska, supplying at different times from Jan'y, 1875, to 1881, churches in Red Cloud, Fairmount, and Loup City. Being in poor health, he took charge of churches in Andover and West Andover, Ohio, supplying them as he was able, until within two weeks of his death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. W. Dickinson, an alumnus of Bangor Seminary, and by Rev. A. H. Rollins. He leaves a wife and three children. *Congl'st*, Feb. 8 ; *Advance*, Feb. 9 ; *Ch. Mir.*, Feb. 18.

Rev. SAMUEL CLEMENT FESSENDEN, in Stamford, Conn., April 18, 1882, *et* 65.

Mr. F., the son of Hon. Samuel and Deborah (Chandler) Fessenden, was born in New Gloucester, Me., March 7, 1815. The family removed to Portland, and this son was educated in the Portland Academy, and Portland High School ; graduated at Bowdoin College, 1834 ; from the Bangor Theological Seminary, in 1837 ; installed pastor of the Second Congregational church, East Thomaston, (now Rockland) May 30, 1838 ; dis. Feb. 4, 1856 ; editor and publisher of the *Maine Evangelist*, published in Lewiston, 1856-'57. In 1858, he was admitted a member of the Lincoln bar, and entered upon the profession and practice of the law ; was elected Judge of the Municipal Court, at Rockland, in 1859-'60 ; elected to the 37th Congress, U. S., 1861-'62, and was a member of the committee on the District of Columbia, government employes, and unfinished business ; chosen member of the board of examiners in chief of the Patent Office, Washington, in 1866, resigning in 1872. His residence was at Stamford, Conn., from 1875 ; in 1874, being at Seneca Falls, N. Y., supplying a church. He frequently supplied pulpits, being an eloquent, able, and attractive preacher. In June, 1877, he went to Robbinston, Me., and acceptably supplied the church in that place about a year. On June 30, 1881, he was appointed by President Garfield, U. S. Consul at St. John, N. B., and held the office until Feb. 16, 1882, when the former incumbent was reinstated by President Arthur.

Mr. F. was a vigorous writer and speaker, with much executive force, pleasing in his manners, and securing many friends. He was a brother of Hon. Wm. Pitt Fessenden. Besides his editorial work, he wrote frequently for newspapers and magazines. Like his father, he was a decided anti-slavery man. He published a pamphlet on Temperance, and his sermon before the Maine Miss'y Society, at its anniversary in Third church Portland, June 27, 1855, was published—Theme—The Christian Ministry, a work for the Gospel's sake, 1 Cor. 9: 23.

He married, in August, 1838, Mary Abigail Grosvener, of Bangor, daughter of Joshua and Maria Abigail (Grosvener) Abbe, of New Gloucester. There are several children living.

Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., in Bangor, January 21, 1882, æt 91 years,—of old age.

Dr. P., the son of Deacon Elijah and Mary (Smith) Pond, of godly ancestry, was born in Wrentham, Mass., July 29, 1791. Leaving farm work, he fitted for college at Day's Academy, in Wrentham, following up his preparation while teaching school, and entered Brown University, Providence, R. I., in 1810, one year in advance, and graduated with honor in 1812. He studied divinity with Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, D. D., of Franklin, Mass.; was licensed to preach by the Mendon Association, in 1814; ordained pastor at Ward, (now Auburn,) Mass., March 1, 1815,—his labors being signally blessed, and where he remained, honored and beloved, thirteen years. In 1828, he was chosen to be editor of the Spirit of the Pilgrims, which took a prominent place in the religious literature and discussion of the times, especially on Unitarianism. Sixty or more elaborate articles from his own pen, are to be found in the first five volumes. In 1832, he was called to the Professorship of Theology in the Bangor Theological Seminary, with which he has been most efficiently connected for half a century. He held this Professorship twenty-three years, giving instruction also, in Ecclesiastical History. He resigned the Professorship of Theology in 1855, to Professor Harris, and was transferred to that of Ecclesiastical History, retaining it until Professor Paine took it in 1871. Dr. Pond was then elected President of the Institution, and Professor Emeritus, which offices he held until his death.

In his relation to the pupils, numbering in all nearly seven hundred, he was ever a kind and loving adviser, and he followed them to their various fields with unabating interest. They have ever cherished the warmest respect and veneration for him.

With the churches and Conferences of the State, he has been closely identified, and has given substantial aid by his counsels and fervent appeals, in reference to all the interests connected with Christ's Kingdom. There was nothing pertaining to any philanthropic or benevolent work, to which he did not give encouragement and aid. He was a corporate member of the Am. Bd. C. F. M. In the State Conference, he was appointed on important committees, and delegate to various eccle-

siastical bodies. He was Vice-President of the Maine Branch of the Am. Education Society, from 1843 to 1867; and President from 1868; Trustee of the Maine Missionary Society, from 1847 to 1880; Trustee of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, from 1853; preacher before the General Conference of Maine, at Brunswick, in 1839, (Mark 14: 72;) and preacher before the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, in High St. church, Portland, 1847, (John 5: 42.) In 1848, as one of a committee of Conference, he prepared a Manual of Congregationalism, which went to a second edition in 1859.

He received the degree of D. D., from Dartmouth College, in 1830. As a writer, he was very busy, preparing from time to time, biographies, essays, controversial and practical works. These were characterized by clearness and vigor. Fifty volumes or more, have been published; among them, *The Pastor's Guide*; *The Seven Seals*; *Lectures on Christian Theology*; *History of God's Church*; and *Conversations on the Bible*. His first magazine article appeared in the *Panoplist*, in 1814. Since then, more than one hundred elaborate articles have appeared in quarterly and other periodicals, and more than one hundred briefer articles in the various religious weeklies.

His was a genial spirit, having a kind and loving word for all who came in contact with him.

In his family he was greatly blessed, and the children all bear witness to his faithful instruction and example, all honoring the Master's name and cause. The four sons became ministers of the Gospel.

The funeral services were held in Hammond Street church, Jan'y 24, the place where he had for nearly half a century worshipped and served, and where his presence was ever a benediction. Prof. L. L. Paine read the Scriptures; remarks by Prof. John S. Sewall; prayer by Rev. G. W. Field; three hymns were sung by the Seminary choir; benediction by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Griffin, who directed the services, and who had offered prayer previously at the homestead. At Mount Hope the body rests, and before depositing it in the mother earth, Rev. J. E. Pond offered a prayer and benediction.

Services in memoriam were held in Hammond Street church, Jan. 22, 29; and a minute was adopted by the church expressive of their estimate of his earnest, exemplary, and self-sacrificing life.

A discourse in memoriam was prepared by Dr. Harris, and read at the meeting of the General Conference held in Bangor, June 22, (p. 17.) It is published with the Minutes, (p. 111.)

Reference is made to the life, character, and work of Dr. Pond, in *Bangor Whig and Courier*, Jan'y 23, 25, 26, 27; *Lewiston Journal*, Jan'y 23; *Congregationalist*, Jan'y 25; *Christian Mirror*, Jan'y 28; remarks at funeral, by Rev. John S. Sewall, and in memoriam, by Rev. C. Hamlin, D. D., Feb'y 4; as a parishioner, by Rev. S. P. Fay, and as a Professor, by Rev. S. H. Hayes, Feb'y 11; as editor and writer, by Rev. D. Clarke, D. D., and resolutions at Ministers' Meeting, Boston, Feb'y 18; reminiscences, by Rev. T. L. Shipman, March 4; by Rev. H. T.

Cheever, March 18; Advance, Jan'y 26, Feb'y 2, and by Rev. R. B. Thurston, March 9; New York Graphic, with portrait, Jan'y 28; Vermont Chronicle, Feb'y 4—and in other papers.

ALVAN BOND, D. D., in Norwich, Conn., July 19, 1882, æt 91, (of old age.)

Dr. B. was born in Sutton, Mass., April 27, 1793; graduated at Brown University, 1815; Andover Seminary, 1818, ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church, Nov. 30, 1819; called from thence in October, 1831, to the Professorship of Sacred Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary, where he continued to instruct with great acceptance until 1835. The climate proving too severe, he resigned, and became pastor of the Second Congregational church, Norwich, Conn. May 6, 1835; continuing to Dec. 28, 1864. His residence continued in Norwich, preaching occasionally, until 1875. Dr. B. happily realized the ideal of growing old gracefully. His death was in perfect keeping with his character and course of life. His peace was as a river—calm, clear, deep. Cong'l st, July 26.

It is a pleasant coincidence that Dr. Pond and Dr. Bond, so nearly alike in name and character, and associated together in the early and important work of the Seminary, should during the same year, and at the same age, and in the same characteristic manner, be called to their rest and reward, and be recorded together on these pages.

Average age of the eleven, 71 years.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

ALBERT COLE, Cornish, Jan'y 29, 1881. Minutes 1881, p. 157. Vital Statistics, by Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 25.

THOMAS ADAMS, D. D., Winslow, Feb. 4, '81. Minutes 1881, p. 159. Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 17.

HENRY RICHARDSON, Gilead, Mch. 23, '81. Minutes 1881, p. 161. Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 37.

JOHN L. ASHBY, Washington, D. C., Mch. 29, '81. Minutes 1881, p. 162. Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 18.

JOHN P. SKEELE, East Bloomfield, N. Y., April 28, '81. Minutes 1881, p. 162. Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 39. New York Minutes, 1881, p. 40.

JOHN C. EDGAR, Hubbardston, Vt., April 29, '81. Minutes 1881, p. 163. Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 29.

JAMES R. CUSHING, East Haverhill, Mass., June 11, '81. Minutes 1881, p. 163. Cong'l Year Book, 1882, p. 27.

DAVID T. PACKARD, Stockton, Cal., Nov. 28, 1880. Minutes 1881, p. 165. Gen. Asso. of California, 1881, p. 46.

(Some other items on a subsequent page.)

ENOCH POND, D. D.

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A MEMORIAL DISCOURSE

BEFORE THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE,

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN

Bangor, June 21-22, 1882.

BY

SAMUEL HARRIS, D. D., LL. D.,

Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Department  
of Yale College.

For the facts stated in this discourse, I am indebted to an Autobiography of Dr. Pond, in manuscript; to private letters and printed reminiscences, from several of his friends; to my own knowledge of him in an intimacy of many years; and to his published "Historical Address" at the semi-centennial anniversary of the Theological School.

\*The discourse was not delivered, on account of a temporary illness of the author.

NEW HAVEN, CT., June 14, 1882.

\* It was sent to Rev. George W. Field, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and read with the exception of a few paragraphs, to the Conference, by Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D.  
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## ENOCK POND, D. D.

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On Saturday, the twenty-first day of January last, Dr. Pond was taken from us by death. The present month of June completes fifty years since he removed to Bangor, and entered on his Professorship in the Theological School. From that time till his death—a period lacking but five months of half a century—he has attended almost all the meetings of this Conference, and has been active and influential in its spiritual exercises, its discussions, and its business; and he has been identified with all the interests of the Congregational churches of Maine. The Conference suspends its business, and devotes this hour to solemn and grateful commemoration of his life and work. This is a duty incumbent on the assembled representatives of these churches which he has served so faithfully, so lovingly, and so long; and it is a service demanded in the hearts of us all, for we have known, loved, and venerated him.

ENOCK POND, son of ELIJAH and MARY (SMITH) POND, was born in Wrentham, Mass., July 29, 1791. He was descended from Daniel Pond, who came to this country in 1652. His ancestors for six generations had all been farmers, living within a few miles of his birthplace. His father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were successively deacons of the church in Wrentham. His mother was of Scotch-Irish descent, granddaughter of Col. John Smith, who came from Donegal, in the North of Ireland, about 1750. She was an energetic, intelligent, and eminently godly woman, and devoted to her family. On Sundays they all went regularly to church, which was three miles distant. There he grew up in one of those farming families then numerous in New England, and constituting its strength and glory—families intelligent, upright, industrious, and contented—fearing God and neither expecting, seeking, nor desiring riches. In his boyhood he attended the district school, winter

and summer, and worked on the farm in the intervening months. Every day brought with it something to be done; and he was trained to the habit of industry, which characterized him through life. He was a sober, steady boy, had great fondness for learning; and at school was usually at the head of his class. When twelve years old, he made a visit to his uncle, the minister of Ashford, and remained with him a year. Of this visit he says, "My manners were improved, and I learned to sing; but do not remember that I learned much else that was of any real importance to me." At the age of sixteen, he was employed as teacher of one of the public schools in his native town, and continued this employment for six successive winters, in some winters teaching two schools in succession.

It had been his father's plan that Enoch should remain at home, and succeed him in owning the farm, as he had succeeded his own father. But the son's desire for education was too strong. When eighteen years old, he began, with his father's acquiescence, the study of Latin in the Academy at Wrentham, walking five miles daily in going and returning. In the winter following, he taught school, the longest and hardest that he had ever taught. But he continued his studies out of school-hours, and in the spring returned to the Academy. So intense was his application, that he used to rise in the night and study two or three hours, and then return to bed, and, so robust was his health, to sound sleep. At the end of thirteen months from his beginning the study of Latin, he was admitted (in September, 1810) to the Sophomore class in Brown University. He afterwards regretted this rapid and forced preparation, not only because the preparation was not thorough, but because, as he says, "I formed the habit of passing over my books and studies rapidly, which has, in some instances, been a disadvantage to me." In Providence, he found himself a member of a large class, comprising many able men. At the end of three years, in September, 1813, he was graduated with the highest honor, as the valedictorian of the class.

In his earlier boyhood, he was the subject of religious convictions and hopes. He dates the beginning of his true experience of Christian faith and repentance, in the winter before he entered college. This is remarkable, because at that time he was crowded with work in teaching a large school, and studying with all his might in preparation for college. He has left on record a glimpse of this beginning of his religious life: "My habit was at that time to go to my school-room about eight o'clock,

and build a fire, that everything might be in readiness when the scholars came. After the fire was made, I usually had about half an hour to myself. I well remember how pleasantly I employed this little season in reading the Scriptures, meditation and prayer. I read the fourteenth chapter of John till I could say it as well without the book as with it: 'Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me; peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.' I felt at that time that these precious promises were verified unto me." The next winter, while a Sophomore in college, he united with the North church in Wrentham, in which he had been baptized in infancy, and which his father's family habitually attended. On his return to college, he told his friends what he had done, and through his course of study there was active in Christian work in the college.

Even before he thought that he had begun the Christian life, he had a strong desire to be a minister of the Gospel, and throughout his college course he studied with that end in view. After some hesitation whether or not he should take the theological course at Andover, he determined to study with Dr. Emmons, who lived but six miles from his father's house, and whom from childhood he had known and venerated. Already, some weeks before the college commencement, he had begun his theological studies. He boarded at home, and rode over to the Doctor's house once a week to read to him his written essay, and to communicate the results of his studies on the subjects assigned. He says, "I ran through Dr. Emmons' course of study in less than a year, besides keeping school ten weeks in the winter, and was prepared for license in June, 1814." At that time he received license in the usual form, from the Mendon Association.

On the next Sunday, he preached his first sermon in the pulpit of Dr. Emmons. It is remarkable that he had never before taken the charge of a religious meeting of any kind. But his health and strength had already begun to flag under the excessive labors crowded into the preceding four years, and after preaching in different pulpits six Sundays, he was prostrated with a fever, which laid him aside from all work for three months. In the autumn, on his recovery, he began to preach in Ward, (now Auburn) a small town in Worcester County. In a few weeks he received a unanimous call from the church to become their pastor. He accepted it, and was ordained March 1, 1815.

His ministry here continued more than fourteen years, and was remarkably efficient and successful. He found the church in a declining

condition ; no one had been admitted to it for years ; and even its covenant and records could not be found. During his pastorate there were two special revivals of religion. The first began in the second year and continued in a quiet way between two and three years ; as the fruit of it, nearly a hundred were added to the church. The second five years after, was sudden and powerful, and continued about two months ; more than fifty were added to the church. Dr. Pond testified that the latter maintained Christian characters as genuine and steadfast as the former. In the other years of his ministry, excepting only the first, there were frequent additions to the church. He found it one of the smallest and weakest in the county ; he left it one of the largest.

During his residence in Ward, he again, without planning or seeking it, became engaged in teaching. It began by his taking into his family a few boys preparing to enter college ; he was solicited from time to time to take students suspended from college ; thus the business grew upon him, till sometimes he had from twenty to thirty pupils. He fitted up a room in his house as a school-room, and used to sit in it with his scholars, hear their recitations, help them in their difficulties, and prepare his sermons. He thus acquired the power of fixing his attention amid surrounding distractions. He said he could write as well in the school-room as anywhere. It certainly was never said of him, as it has been said of some eminent students with imperfectly disciplined minds that he imposed the ban of silence on the whole household whenever he went into his study.

While in Ward, Mr. Pond published many articles and books. In the first year of his ministry he published a sermon on the Divinity of Christ, a second edition of which was published in Boston. He published a reply to Dr. Judson's statement of his reasons for becoming a Baptist, and a rejoinder to the strictures of Rev. Samuel Nott. In connection with the revivals of that time, religious meetings on week days began to be prevalent. Dr. Bancroft, of Worcester, published a sermon in opposition to them. He founded his opposition on the fourth commandment, which says, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." From this Dr. B. argued that it is as gross a violation of the fourth commandment to hold a prayer meeting on a week-day as it would be to do secular work on the Sabbath. Mr. Pond published an answer and then a rejoinder to Dr. Bancroft's reply. He also published a series of lectures which he had given at the monthly concert of prayer for missions. This was widely circulated at the time, and was republished

by the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, in 1845. He also contributed numerous articles to the *Christian Spectator*, and other periodicals.

Mr. Pond was married, August 28, 1814, to Miss WEALTHY MUNSON HAWES, daughter of William Hawes, of North Wrentham. They had been acquainted and mutually attached almost from childhood. Their happy union was broken by her early death, of pulmonary consumption, Sept. 15, 1824. She had been the mother of seven children, three only of whom survived her. He was afterwards married to Miss JULIA ANN MALTBY, daughter of John Maltby, of Northford, Conn., and sister of Rev. John Maltby, for many years pastor of the Hammond Street church, in Bangor, Me.

In the spring of 1828, Mr. Pond was dismissed from his pastoral office, and became the editor of *The Spirit of the Pilgrims*. This periodical had already been started in Boston, by leading Trinitarians, as a needed organ in the controversy against Unitarianism, and two or three numbers had been published. In this controversy, and in the separation of Trinitarian ministers and churches which had been going on for some years in Massachusetts, Mr. Pond had already been active and influential. He had been engaged with Drs. Morse, Wisner, Worcester, Rev. S. E. Dwight, Mr. Huntington, and others, in organizing the Pastoral Union, which for many years after met annually in Boston on "Anniversary Week." Some of his publications on the controverted questions had attracted much attention. He had already contributed to the new magazine an elaborate article on the legal rights of Congregational churches, which were supposed to have been infringed by decisions of the Massachusetts courts. This had been published in the second and third numbers, and copies of it struck off and sent to the Judges and the members of the bar. The managers of the magazine, therefore, chose him as its editor. Rev. Dr. Wisner wrote to him, "We must have you as editor, at any rate; you were made for it; you have been educated by Providence for it; your taste has been formed to it; and you can undoubtedly do more good in that station than in the one you now occupy, and probably than in any other to which you will ever be called;" and much more of the same urgency. Dr. Beecher, and other influential men, wrote expressing an equally decisive opinion that he ought to undertake the work. Mr. Pond, finally, overcoming his great reluctance to leave his people, accepted the editorship. He removed to Cambridge in May, 1828, and resided there in the discharge of his editorial duties more than four years.

The magazine was ably and vigorously conducted, and was regarded as a powerful agency in vindicating the truth. Whatever power it had was mainly due to the editor. He contributed one hundred and thirty-nine articles, constituting nearly one-half of the matter contained in its six annual volumes.

In 1830, he received the honorary degree of D. D., from Dartmouth College.

While editor, he for two years supplied for the most part the Evangelical church in Cambridgeport, then recently organized, and was earnestly solicited to become its pastor. He preached in other pulpits, especially in several towns in the vicinity, where, under the decision of the court, the evangelical members of the church, though in a majority, were withdrawing from the old society and meeting-house, and organizing and building anew. As this separation of the parties went on in one town after another till it became complete, the controversy gradually exhausted itself, and the reason for the publication of the *Spirit of the Pilgrims* no longer existed. Accordingly, in the summer of 1832, Dr. Pond resigned the editorship, and accepted an appointment as Professor of Systematic Theology, in the Bangor Theological School.

In the month of June, he sailed from Boston to Bangor, in a schooner, with his wife, his six children, and all his household goods. He once told me that after they had fairly cast off from the wharf, and were sailing out of the harbor, his courage failed him, and he said within himself, that, if he could only go back and set his foot again on the wharf, he would give up the undertaking. And on his arrival in Bangor, he found the institution far weaker and less promising even than he had supposed it to be when he embarked; and again he felt that, if he had known all the discouraging facts in the case, he should not have ventured to come. No one who knows the facts, can be surprised that he felt so. But if he had known all the facts, and in discouragement had declined to come, there can hardly be a reasonable doubt that the institution would have ceased to exist. I have no doubt this was a turning point in its history. It was Dr. Pond's coming which saved the Seminary, and insured to the churches of the State all the good which it has done.

They arrived on a Sunday afternoon, and were received as boarders by Mr. William Davenport, then living in a two-story yellow house nearly opposite where the Bangor House now stands. Dr. Pond was

then forty-one years old, in the prime and vigor of his manhood. In the work then opening to him, he found need for all his energies and resources, as well as for the inexhaustible hopefulness and courage which were so striking traits of his character, and bore him through all difficulties.

As early as 1810, the supply of ministers of the gospel in the newly settled parts of Maine, was under consideration, and an Association was formed in Portland, under the name of "The Society for Promoting Theological Education." After much correspondence with clergymen and others, both in this country and in England, it was concluded that the object could not be accomplished without establishing an institution for literary and theological education; for the new settlements of Maine were then remote and difficult of access. A charter for such an institution was obtained in 1814. The Board of Trustees, of which Rev. Dr. Payson, of Portland, was President, determined to locate the school, not in the western and more thickly settled part of the State, but in the vicinity of the new settlements needing to be supplied. They accordingly made a temporary arrangement with the Trustees of the Academy in Hampden, and the school was opened there in October, 1816. It was constituted according to the plan of the English dissenting colleges. It was intended chiefly for those who wished to enter the ministry without a collegiate education. Accordingly, the prescribed course of study was for four years, the first two devoted chiefly to classical, and the last two to theological studies. The next summer the organization was completed on this basis. Rev. Abijah Wines was appointed Professor of Theology; Jehudi Ashmun, afterwards celebrated for his beneficent labors for Africa, and who had had sole charge of the instruction during the academical year then closing, was Professor of Classical Literature; and Ebenezer Cheever, Preceptor of the Preparatory School. In 1819, the land in Bangor on which the buildings of the institution now stand, was given to the Trustees by Isaac Davenport, of Milton, Mass.: and in consideration of this and other donations, the temporary arrangement with the Trustees of Hampden Academy was terminated, and the school was removed to Bangor. This town had at that time a population of about twelve hundred. There was no meeting-house in the town, and never had been. Rev. Harvey Loomis was preaching there; he had preached first in a hall over a store, at City Point; then in what was afterwards called the "Old Court-house." In 1827 the original plan of the institution was abandoned. The Classical department and the Theological

were separated into two distinct schools, and terms of admission and three years course of study were prescribed for the Seminary, the same as in the leading Theological schools of the United States. At the removal to Bangor, Professors Wines and Ashmun resigned, and Rev. John Smith, and Rev. Bancroft Fowler, had succeeded them. Prof. Fowler resigned in 1825. At the reorganization in 1827, Rev. George E. Adam was elected Professor of Sacred Literature. He resigned in 1829, and became pastor of the church in Brunswick. For the next two years, Dr. Smith was the only Professor. At his death, in 1831, the school was left for several months without any instructor. In the autumn of that year, Rev. Alvan Bond, afterwards pastor in Norwich, Conn., was elected Professor of Sacred Literature, and before winter he began giving instruction in that department.

When Dr. Pond arrived, he found one Professor and seven students connected with the institution which he came to serve. Two of the students, Wooster Parker, and Cyril Pearl, were in the Senior class about to graduate; and five in the Junior class. On the grounds was solitary frame building, three stories high, containing all the room which the institution offered for the private use of the students, and the public uses of the school. The library contained only a few hundred volumes—many of these requiring binding before they could be used. The institution was in debt, and had no invested funds; it depended on the contributions of benevolent persons from year to year, for the payment of the two Professors' salaries, \$800 each. In view of all this Dr. Pond naively says; "Still, as I was here, with all my family and household goods, I concluded that I would not turn about at once and go back."

The first want to be supplied was that of funds. In about two weeks after his arrival, he attended the annual meeting of the General Conference, at Wiscasset, and presented this want. It was voted to raise \$30,000. in four annual payments. The principal labor of getting up the subscription devolved on him. The entire sum was subscribed, and the principal part of it paid, though not in the precise manner at first contemplated.

The next object of attention, was the students. Notwithstanding the reorganization in 1827. up to the time of Dr. Pond's coming, no college graduate had been a student at the Theological School, and others in attendance had been very few. As it was uncertain whether any college graduates could be induced to enter, the first movement was to revive the Classical School.



Meantime Dr. Pond had visited Brunswick, and by his preaching and personal intercourse, had made a most favorable impression on the students of the college who were intending to study for the ministry; and when repeatedly called there afterwards in revivals and on other occasions, this favorable impression was deepened and extended. As a result, in the fall of 1832, one student entered the Junior class at Bangor, who was afterwards joined by two others, all three of them graduates of Bowdoin, and there were five in the Middle class. In 1833 eight entered the Junior class, three of whom were graduates of Bowdoin. In 1834 nineteen entered the Junior class, eight of whom were graduates of Bowdoin. Among those who entered in these years, were Dr. Benjamin Tappan, Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, Prof. Henry B. Smith, Henry G. Storer, Franklin Yeaton, and others, well known to us all. Dr. Pond also visited Dartmouth and some other colleges, bringing the Bangor school to the knowledge of the students, and many graduates of these colleges have studied theology there. Of three hundred and eighty college graduates connected with the school during Dr. Pond's life, one hundred and eighty-three were graduates of Bowdoin.

During the first four years of Dr. Pond's professorship, there were only two Professors. In 1835, Dr. Bond resigned on account of ill-health. He was succeeded by that polished, accomplished, scholarly, and fascinating man, Rev. Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D. Dr. Pond describes the division of labor in those years, by saying, "Professor Woods discharged the duties of the professorship of Sacred Literature, and I did all the rest." He gave instruction in Systematic Theology, and besides that, as far as he could, in Church-History, Homiletics, and the Pastoral Care. One result of this supplemental teaching, was his volume on "Pastoral Theology," which was published in 1844, and a second edition in 1866.

In 1836, funds were subscribed for the endowment of the professorship of "Sacred Rhetoric," and the new professorship was accepted by Rev. George Shepard, of Hallowell—a man of massive form and massive majesty of movement; strong, yet with the simplicity of a child; mighty in condensing thought, as the energies of a storm are sometimes condensed into a single burst of lightning, thunder and rain; his countenance becoming luminous in the moments of his intensest ardor in public speech; with life-long earnestness for high and noble ends, glowing with flameless anthracite heat. The subscription for the en-

dowment of this professorship, owing to the commercial panic soon after, was never paid. In 1847, Dr. Shepard was called to the pastorate of the Pilgrim Church, in Brooklyn, of which Dr. R. S. Storrs is now pastor. He promised that he would accept unless his professorship should be speedily and solidly endowed; and a committee had come on from Brooklyn to make sure that the separation was effected if the condition was not fully complied with. In one week the funds necessary were secured, chiefly by the liberality of friends, in Bangor. Here, again, a decisive crisis was passed. Dr. Pond says, "If Professor Shepard had resigned, the other Professors would have done the same, and the Seminary, to all human appearance, would have been irrecoverably ruined."

In 1839, Professor Woods accepted the Presidency of Bowdoin College, and was succeeded in his professorship by Rev. Daniel Smith Talcott, of Newburyport. It was my good fortune that the Junior class, of which I was a member in Andover Theological School, had him, who had just before completed his professional studies, as their instructor in Hebrew; and a more efficient and successful teacher I never knew. More than this his presence with us forbids me to say.

During sixteen years from this time, Drs. Pond, Shepard, and Talcott, were the Professors in the institution; it became identified with their names, was sustained and grew in reputation by their faithful and able service.

After Dr. Shepard's appointment, Dr. Pond continued to give instruction both in Systematic Theology and Ecclesiastical History. In the autumn of 1854, he resigned the professorship of Systematic Theology. The next spring, the Trustees appointed him President of the Faculty, and Professor of Ecclesiastical History. At the same time, I was elected Professor of Systematic Theology. I accepted, and entered on the duties of the professorship in October, 1855. On arriving with my family, Dr. Pond immediately took us to his home, and with his family showed us every kindness possible, until we were prepared to begin housekeeping in the house provided for us by the Trustees; and from that time I found in him only the most cordial friendship, and the most willing and unselfish readiness to render every assistance in his power.

After relinquishing the department of Systematic Theology, Dr. Pond devoted more time to the teaching of History. He had previously written lectures on the history of doctrines, and on the history of God's people before Christ's coming. He now prepared a full course of lec-

tures, on the history of the Christian Church. Besides his particular department, he never ceased to care for the general administration of the institution, and to promote its interests by every means in his power. In 1871, he resigned his professorship, and ceased giving regular instruction. He remained Professor Emeritus, and the presiding officer of the Faculty. At that time he was eighty years old, and had been Professor thirty-nine years.

The narrative of his life in Maine includes necessarily a history of the Theological School.\* I have dwelt on it at length, yet I have only indicated the nature of his work, and have not described its laborious and trying details. A large part of his influence is in what he did in and for the school; for the influence of every person must be mainly in what he does in the immediate and daily business of his life. His influence in this relation is two-fold. It consists, first, in what he did in preserving, perpetuating, and developing the institution, and thus insuring the continuance of its beneficial agency from generation to generation. Institutions live and work while men die. It is, secondly, his direct influence on the young men, nearly seven hundred in number, who for longer or shorter periods were under his instruction here.

The theology which he taught was of the same type with that of Dr. Emmons, divested of the extravagances peculiar to the latter, the acceptance of which was impossible to Dr. Pond's large roundabout common sense. He was a representative of the New England theology on its conservative side. The New England Theology is doubtless open to criticism as in some respects superficial and inadequate. It has seem-

\*The several Professors in the Seminary have been as follows:—

	Elected.	Resigned.	Died.
SACRED LITERATURE.	1817 Jehudi Ashmun, A. M.	1819	1828
	1819 Rev. Bancroft Fowler, A. M.	1825	1856
	1827 Rev. George E. Adams, D. D.	1829	1875
	1831 Rev. Alvan Bond, D. D.	1835	1882
	1835 Rev. Leonard Woods, D. D., LL. D.	1839	1878
	1859 Rev. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.	1881	
	1881 Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes.		
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.	1817 Rev. Abijah Wines, A. M.	1819	1833
	1829 Rev. John Smith, D. D.		1831
	1832 Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D.	1855	1882
	1855 Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., LL. D.	1867	
	1867 Rev. John R. Herrick, D. D.	1873	
	1873 Rev. William M. Barbour, D. D.	1877	
	1877 Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., LL. D.	1881	
	1881 Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D.		
SACRED RHETORIC.	1838 Rev. George Shepard, D. D.		1868
	1869 Rev. William Barbour, D. D.	1875	
	1875 Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.		
ECCLÉSIASTICAL HISTORY.	1855 Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., Professor Emeritus		1882
	1870 Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D.		
GREEK AND HEBREW.	1862 Rev. Francis B. Denio, A. M.		

ingly assumed that by precise, definite, and satisfactory formulas it has closed the whole circuit of thought on the subjects treated, and by its nice distinctions had removed all occasion for doubt and difficulty, while its profounder thought sees that its formulas lack comprehensiveness, and its explanations do not explain; by its disproportionate insistence on individualism, by its ethical theory of greatest happiness and general benevolence, by its theory of atonement as an expedient of state-craft to prevent men from despising the law because sin is forgiven, it has seemed to overlook the solidarity of mankind and the reach and power of sin to miss the essential idea of law and righteousness, and to lead to the inference that the significance of the humiliation of the Son of God—Christ, and of Christ's obedience, suffering, and death, instead of being manifold and profound as the Scriptures represent it, is exhausted in its moral influence on men to induce them to turn to God. But whatever its imperfections, it has at least made a great and abiding contribution to the progress of theological knowledge. It has set forth in clear light the personality of the individual as distinguished from and not submerged in the race or in the organization of church or state; and therein has set forth the worth of a man and the sacredness of his rights; and this is a truth which was emphasized by Christ and his Apostles, and has made Christianity a power in advancing the political and social rights and freedom of man. The New England theology, in setting forth the personality of the individual, has asserted and vindicated the freedom of the will; has shown the true idea of sin as the determination or choice of the free will in transgressing God's law, and refusing his redeeming grace; has cleared the fact and nature of human responsibility; has thrown light on the scriptural doctrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit and rescued it from misrepresentation; and has made consistent and possible that type of preaching which declares that whosoever will may take the water of life freely, and which demonstrates to every man's conscience his sinfulness and guilt in not accepting Christ as he is freely offered in the gospel.

These great truths Dr. Pond emphasized in his theological teaching in the class-room, and his preaching in the pulpit. They made him a revival preacher. His theology was eminently scriptural and evangelical, rather than metaphysical and speculative.

His method of teaching Ecclesiastical History was at first chiefly by a text-book. He used Mosheim. After resigning the professorship of Systematic Theology, he taught History chiefly by lectures and examination.

tions. In giving instruction in Systematic Theology, he first gave out a subject with a list of books to be consulted. He then read one or more lectures on it to the class, giving opportunity for questions and discussions. The students were each required to write an essay on the subject, and these essays were read and criticised before the Professor and the class. They then passed to another topic, which was treated in the same manner. His aim was always to train students to think and investigate for themselves. The late Rev. Nathan Dole, in a letter to Dr. Pond, says, "I improved more during my Middle year in the Seminary, than in any other year of my life; and your method of study for the young men seems admirably adapted to the end." Others have given similar testimony. His lectures, as well as all his writings, were remarkable for perspicuity. What he saw, he saw clearly; what he knew, he knew definitely and exactly; what he said and wrote, was the clear expression of clear thought. In this respect he was like his teacher, Dr. Emmons. To a young man, now eminent in the ministry, he said, "One thing I determined on at the beginning of my work—that was, that whatever else I did or failed to do, I would at least make people understand me."

His method of training, (and the same was true of his colleagues,) tended to educate practical men, who went into the field to do the work of a Christian minister, and who knew how to do it.

He was always the friend of the students. It was almost impossible for him to think any evil of any one of them. It has been truly said, "He idealized them." And they remembered all their lives long, his genial spirit, his friendly ways, his kindly counsel, and his help in time of need.

But his energies were never confined to one line of action. I must glance at his work and influence as they reached beyond the institution with which he was immediately connected.

He was a prolific writer for the press. His first article was on Church Discipline. From that time his pen was seldom idle; every year until the last of his life, so far as I can ascertain, he published more than one article for periodicals, besides occasional volumes. In a catalogue, made by him in his later years, of publications which he could remember, I find mentioned twenty-eight volumes; one hundred and thirty-nine articles in the *Spirit of the Pilgrims*; one hundred and fifty-seven other articles in quarterly reviews, and bi-monthly and monthly magazines; twenty-six sermons, and other pamphlets; seven tracts, besides

several of his articles re-published by different societies and widely circulated; and a multitude of articles in many newspapers. I have noticed three articles printed during the last year of his life. The last was in the *Christian Mirror*, of Oct. 2, 1881, and was entitled, "Man not Created a Barbarian." His largest volumes were his *Lectures on Christian Theology* (1867,) *History of God's Church* (1871,) and *Conversations on the Bible*, (1881—600 pp. 8-vo.) At my last interview with him, in July, 1881, he told me that he had written the "Conversations" two years before. But he was able to correct the proof-sheet when he was ninety, as they came from the press. The writing and publishing at his advanced age, of a book so large, and of such intrinsic value that the copy-right commanded at once a good price from publishers, is, so far as I know, a fact unprecedented in the history of literature. Of the "Lectures on Christian Theology," the fourth edition is already exhausted. It is inevitable, when any person publishes so much, that some of his publications will disclose haste in preparation, and inadequate study of the subject. Dr. Pond is no exception. On the other hand, his writings were usually occasioned by passing events which were exciting the public mind at the time, and were intended for immediate effect; we have the best of evidence that the most of them were influential and effective in their time. And the men are few and great who can write for generations other than their own.

When, looking back through the ninety-one years of Dr. Pond's life, we see so many controversies, now dead, which once roused the community as if the very existence among men of a true faith in Christ depended on the decision, we are warned to discriminate between the Christ who is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," and our little systems which "have their day." There is also another lesson: in those transient controversies some truth is discovered or confirmed, some error is refuted, some right of free thought won, some fatal tendency exposed of an individualistic exercise of the right of private judgment, excised from the great courses of Christian life and thought in the past—as if this one individualized thinker were the first man, and until he arose, all things in the kingdom of Christ were without form and void, and he must say, "Let there be light," and create all things new.

In this view of the subject, those writings of Dr. Pond which are of value only with reference to a particular exigency of the past, are still of value. Of his books, naturally designed for more permanence, many

have been widely circulated and read. In driving home from Moosehead lake, one summer, we dined at a tavern in the little town of Abbot. In looking over some books on the parlor table, I found a well-thumbed volume written by Dr. Pond, of which I had never heard. This illustrates the way in which his books have reached the people. Some of his writings, published by Tract Societies, have been circulated by thousands. When I was a pastor, I always kept on hand copies of his tract entitled, "The Act of Faith," as an admirable guide to give to parishioners inquiring how to come to Christ. Hundreds have been helped by that tract to the act of faith in the Redeemer. Until I found it mentioned in the catalogue of his writings, while preparing this address, I did not know its author.

It has been said that Dr. Pond was not a man of thorough scholarship. I would not claim for him aught which was not his. One man cannot be everything. "Non omnes possumus omnia." His just reputation is so high there is no need to enhance it by attributing to him what he had not. His undeniable virtues, powers, and resources must command admiration and esteem. Let us try to form a just estimate of him in this particular.

His positive and intractable antagonism to all German philosophy and criticism, is well known. But in estimating the significance of this, we must remember that he was born almost one hundred years ago. When he was receiving his education, few Americans knew any modern language except their own. Bowdoin College was the first of American colleges to give a large and prominent place in its curriculum to the study of modern European languages and literatures. It was accomplished under the inspiration and guidance of Professor Henry W. Longfellow, who, in 1829, became Professor of Modern Languages in this college of which he was a graduate. By his enthusiasm he secured a large amount of time for his department. When he removed to Harvard, he exerted a similar influence there, carrying forward and enlarging the influence of his predecessor, Professor Ticknor.

To Professor Longfellow, more, perhaps, than to any one man, we owe the change in the American idea of education, whereby it has come to pass that acquaintance with one or more of these languages and literatures, is deemed essential to scholarship, and has become common among cultivated people. But Dr. Pond was in mature life before this change had developed itself. During his long life the standard of scholarship

changed ; the very conception of what constitutes a scholar, was different in the later years of his life, from what had been when he was receiving his education. He was a man of extensive reading ; he was well read in the Fathers ; before writing his little book on Swendenborg, he read every page of that author's voluminous theological works. He was a scholar in the sense in which President Edwards, Dr. Emons, the elder Dr. Leonard Woods, and other leaders of theological thought in New England in the last century and the beginning of the present were scholars. He belonged to that earlier period, and his scholarship must be judged by its standard, and not by that of the present time.

The fact must also be considered, that in his earlier years the predominant influences from German philosophy and criticism were pantheistic, rationalistic, or skeptical. The general feeling was that familiarity with German theological and philosophical studies, was dangerous to Christian faith. Professor Stuart never entirely outlived the fears and suspicions of the influence of his German reading. When I was a student at Andover, I remember the profound impression produced one day, when Prof. Bela B. Edwards came before the assembled school, announced the publication of Strauss' Life of Jesus, described it as the most powerful assault that had been made on Christianity in recent times, and told us of the anxiety and alarm which its publication had caused. But since then Strauss' theory of the New Testament has been abandoned as inadequate by critical scholars, and by its author himself. Then came the Tübingen school, explaining the New Testament as the product of factions in the church, interpreting the " enemy " who sowed tares, in the parable recorded in Matthew, as being the Apostle Paul, the Gospel of Matthew being written in the interest of the faction of Peter. Next came Renan's Life of Jesus, explaining his story partly by imposture and pious fraud, and partly by fanaticism and self-illusion. Thus this whole process of destructive criticism is a sort of reduction to absurdity of all infidel attempts to explain the acknowledged historical facts of the New Testament without recognizing the supernatural Christ. We now look with composure on all the attempts of rationalism and criticism to destroy Christianity, and welcome all the results of philosophical and critical scholarship which enlarge, correct, clarify, or confirm our knowledge of the truth. But it was not so easy fifty years ago.



For Dr. Pond, be it said, that he never doubted the gospel of Christ, nor feared that it would be overthrown. And I submit that a theological teacher whose inward spiritual life compels him to believe the gospel, and to rejoice in its truth, is a better, wiser, and truer teacher, than one who fears for the truth, but does not rejoice and be strong in it; who fears lest every new assault will sweep the kingdom of Christ away from the earth, and whose teaching is a perpetual apologizing for Christ and Christianity, as if the reality and right to be, were submitted to the decision, and depended on the acceptance of the young men who hear him. A man who is to teach theology must “*know him whom he has believed.*”

Another point must be noticed. Not only had the standard of scholarship changed in Dr. Pond's late years, not only had questions and objections been answered which once seemed formidable, but new questions had arisen—questions and objections springing from new theories of physical science, from bold assumptions respecting human knowledge, and from philosophical speculations unfamiliar to the English mind, and unadapted to English habits of thought. It was not to be expected that a man already entering on old age, should enter profoundly into these subjects. Especially was it not to be expected of Dr. Pond; for he was one of those happy persons whose spontaneous belief, founded on spiritual need and spiritual experience, was always fresh, always a sunshine strong enough to burn away the mists of doubt, and he imperfectly understood the great fight of afflicting doubts and perplexities with which many struggle. In his mental constitution, he was practical rather than speculative; his thinking was on the practical side of things, and he was not given to philosophical questioning as to their rationale. But his thinking, in its own sphere, was not the less vigorous, his insight not the less penetrating, than it would have been, had he naturally studied things on their speculative side.

I proceed now to consider Dr. Pond as a preacher, and in his more immediate relations to the churches and the religious interests of the State. He was a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M.; Trustee of the Maine Missionary Society, from 1847 to 1880; Vice President of the Maine Branch of the Education Society, from 1843 to 1867, and its President from 1868; a Trustee of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, from 1853; and was always an active worker and influential counsellor in all the united Christian enterprise of the churches; he was deeply interested in the welfare of the churches, and identified himself

with them in many ways; he was not only constant in attending the meetings of the General Conference, but also of the Penobscot County Conference; preached on unnumbered public occasions; was active in organizing new churches, and was noted for his kindness, tact, and success in healing dissensions, and saving churches from disruption. He preached steadily and for months together in Upper Stillwater, Holden, Brewer, East Orrington, Brewer Village, Kenduskeag, and Carmel; and in the four last named, he gathered churches. He was also in the habit of preaching in pulpits temporarily vacant, in all parts of the State.

When he came to Maine, the churches were beginning to hold what were called "four days meetings," or "protracted meetings." He was frequently sent for to assist in these; and his preaching on these occasions was with great power. In the spring of 1834, he preached at such a meeting in Brunswick, in a great revival. In connection with this revival, a large number were added to the church, including some of the most influential persons in the town; among them was Governor R. P. Dunlap. I was told at the time that Dr. Pond had prepared a series of three or four sermons, designed to awaken the hearer to a sense of sin, and guide him to trust in Christ; that Governor Dunlap heard the last two or three of these sermons, that they met his feelings and thoughts at the time, removed his perplexities, and made plain to him the way of life. This revival constituted an epoch in the history of the church in Brunswick. Previously it had been comparatively small, with a membership almost entirely of women. A prominent citizen, more witty than godly, said that the church was more than scriptural; for while the Bible said "seven women shall take hold of one man," he had counted the people as they came from a morning prayer-meeting, and found eleven women to one man. But from the time of that revival, the church in Brunswick has ranked among the strong churches of the State. The revival also extended to the college, and among the students who then avowed themselves disciples of Christ, was Henry B. Smith. This revival in college, and that of 1830, constituted an epoch in its religious history. President Appleton recorded his thankfulness that one student who was a church member had entered the college. The majority of the class of 1833, for the first time in the history of the college, were professors of religion.

Dr. Pond united with the Hammond Street church about a month after its organization in 1833; and so long as his strength lasted he was remarkable for his constancy and fidelity in attending all the regula

meetings of the church, and helping in all its Christian work. He had the religious interests of the city at heart, and in revivals and all united work of the churches, he could always be depended on for willing, faithful, and persevering service.

As a preacher, Dr. Pond had many of the characteristics and excellences of Dr. Emmons. He was scriptural and evangelical. His preaching was clear and calm, but convincing, pointed and persuasive; it had the weight of his own deep conviction of the truth. He used scarcely any rhetorical ornament; his manner was natural, and rose often to intense earnestness; as once, in presenting Christ to the sinner, he said, "Accept these conditions of grace, and my soul in your soul's stead if you are not saved." Rev. Dr. Hamlin, who heard him in Brunswick, in 1834, says: "There was often the hush and stillness of the great audience that evinced profound attention, but it was the cogency of the reasoning, the power of the truth forcibly stated, that produced it."

I need not delay to delineate his character; the story of his life is the revelation of the man. A striking characteristic was his inexhaustible love of work. Xavier was greedy for self mortification and suffering. On his voyage to India, refusing the comforts of the ship, sleeping on deck with a coil of rope for a pillow, he still prayed, "More, Lord, more." So Dr. Pond's eager desire for work was insatiable; the cry of his heart was always, "More, Lord, more." The amount of work which he did was immense.

I have already spoken of his hopefulness, cheerfulness, and courage. Added to this was a humorous spirit. He was always ready to tell a good story, and no one's laugh was heartier than his.

He had knowledge of men, practical tact and skill in accomplishing his ends, and much executive ability. Rev. S. H. Hayes says: "He was the most diligent of men. He never went to Europe; he seldom travelled, if ever, for mere relaxation; his heart and his hands were always at his work, and mainly at his post. Without effort he was methodical, and no hours were lost. At his home he was the most hospitable and genial of men, and apparently a man of leisure; but he was master of his time. With his house full of guests, at ten in the evening in his cheerful way he would say, 'Gentlemen, I burn no midnight oil; you will now be lighted to your rooms.' And early in the morning he was busy with his duties." He was magnanimous and large-hearted. No petty jealousy, nor envy, nor rancor ever lay gnawing at his heart. He was a genial man, charitable and kindly in his judgment of others,

of strong faith, a devout, sincere, earnest Christian. In teaching Christian truth, he also "allured to brighter worlds, and led the way."

His domestic life in Bangor was not without severe afflictions. In September, 1838, his wife died of pulmonary consumption. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom survived her. In 1839, he was married to Mrs. Anne M. Pearson, of Bangor. They lived happily together thirty-five years, until the summer of 1874, when she died. For several years she had been afflicted with blindness. Eight of Dr. Pond's children, four sons and four daughters, lived to mature age. The sons were all graduated at Bowdoin College, and entered the Christian ministry. Enoch, pastor of the Congregational church in Georgetown, Mass., and his daughter Cornelia, wife of Charles Procter M. D., of Rowley, Mass., died of pulmonary consumption, in 1844. The other six are still living. All his adult children have been cultivated and worthy persons, occupying useful and honorable positions in society and highly esteemed. In his later years he wrote of his six little ones who died in infancy or early childhood: "I love to think of them far away from me at school—the best school in the universe, where they have the best teachers, and are learning the best things in the best possible manner. I expect ere long to go and see them—see what progress they have made, and to what heights of glory they are ultimately destined; for I think it is not unlikely that among the brightest spirits that surround the eternal throne may be found many at the last who have left this world in infancy."

During the last ten years of his life he had usually good health, was happy in his favorite pursuits, and in serene old age waited peacefully and hopefully for the transition to immortal youth. His trustful feelings are truly and poetically expressed in the beautiful lines of Whittier:

"When on my day of life the night is falling,  
 And, in the winds from unshaded spaces blown,  
 I hear far voices out of darkness calling  
 My feet to paths unknown,  
 Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,  
 Leave not its tenant when its walls decay,  
 O Love divine, O Helper ever present,  
 Be Thou my strength and stay!  
 Be near me when all else is from me drifting.  
 Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade and shine,  
 And kindly faces to my own uplifting  
 The love which answers mine.

I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy spirit  
Be with me then to comfort and uphold;  
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm, I merit,  
Nor street of shining gold.

Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned,  
And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace—  
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned  
Unto my fitting place:

Some humble door among Thy many mansions,  
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease,  
And flows forever through heaven's green expansions  
The river of Thy peace.

There, from the music round about me stealing,  
I fain would learn the new and holy song,  
And find, at last, beneath Thy trees of healing,  
The life for which I long."

## NECROLOGY—ADDITIONAL. NOTICES.

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In memoriam of ELIJAH KELLOGG, Portland, 1788—1821. "Of Chapel Society and its Friends," by W. D. L., in Portland Transcript, March 21, 26, 1881.

NOTICE OF MINISTERS IN MAINE, whose native place was in New Hampshire, by Rev. Nathan F. Carter, has been continued in the N. H. Statesman, commenced Jan'y 1, 1881, (see Minutes 1881, p. 166.)

No. 12, May 19, 1881, reported *Croydon*, Josiah W. Powers, Kennebunk, 1834-'37; \*1840.

No. 1, new series, Feb. 9, 1882, *Lebanon*, George W. Campbell, Sout Berwick, 1824-'28; \*1869... Daniel Campbell, Kennebunk, 1827-'28 \*1849.

No. 10, June 1, 1882, *Concord*, Edmund Eastman, Limerick, 1796-1812; \*1812... Ephraim Abbot, Washington County, 1811-'12; \*1870

No. 11, July 6, 1882, *Henniker*, Jacob C. Goss, Topsham, Warren, Woolwich, Sanford, and Wells, 1824-'55; \*1860.

No. 11, July 6, '82, *Marlborough*, Cyrus Stone, Bingham, 1841-'44 \*1867.

No. 12, July 20, '82, *Kensington*, Amos Brown, Machias, 1843-'57 \*1874.

# REPORTS.

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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On the resignation of our regretted Secretary Woodbury, on account of his removal from the State, the Nominating Committee asked me to take the place thus vacated, and feeling it a duty so to do, I accepted. My brief term of service might, perhaps, have excused me altogether from presenting a report at this time. Moreover, information concerning the real condition of our Sunday-schools, is scanty and imperfect: hence the basis for an intelligent report, is wanting. And, still further, it has not been easy in the past, for this cause, to obtain the time for a hearing during the session of Conference. Yet, in the face of all these considerations, it has seemed an obligation to prepare something of statement, appeal, and suggestion, so that an interest of such importance, should not, time allowing, fail of some representation before the Conference.

It will be remembered that at last session of Conference, a special Sabbath-school Committee was appointed to secure the statistics, and promote the progress of our Sunday-schools in the State. The present Secretary, upon their cordial invitation, has gladly co-operated with that Committee, and in this report, at their request, represents them. On taking a place in that Committee, the Secretary, as his first act, most cordially approved the able and spirited appeal to our churches, which the Committee had prepared through its chairman, our excellent co-worker, Rev. C. H. Pope, of Thomaston, and this paper was shortly

placed before our Sabbath-school workers. A blank for statistics out with this circular, but we are sorry to state that our best effort resulted in returns from but about one-half of the schools. The members of the Committee, by correspondence, attendance at County conferences, and by such other personal effort as circumstances allowed have sought to awaken and deepen interest, and while their success has not been such as they could have wished, they feel that some gain has been made.

The members of this Conference will, I know, fully admit the future belief of our churches, the loyal application of our principle of polity, and the question of our general growth or decadence, are settled, and are to be settled largely by the Sunday-school. They admit that the Sunday-school is vitally connected with the church, so, one would say, this Conference of associated churches, will allow inference, that this vital connection should have full and liberal expression in the way the churches treat their several schools, week by week, and in the recognition the associated churches give to this vital, significant and powerful department of our interests, at the stated Conference respecting those interests.

Taking it for granted that the church sees, with more or less clearness, that here policy and duty lie in the same direction, how shall we answer the question, What can we do for our Sunday-schools?

Well, we can *believe* in them. Faith lies pretty near the bottom of good thought or good work. If to our Sunday-schools we would give the help they richly deserve, or would get from them the help beyond any other outward agency, can richly give, we ought to say, "Lord, increase our faith." Wherever faith has pushed out before the adventure has proved a splendid success. Wherever effort has confidently sowed beside all waters, scattered its seed in heathen belief between Christian parishes, in neglected school districts, or on the tracts of new, wild lands, the harvest has responded grandly to the sowing. Instance the State of Illinois.

We should believe in the Sunday-school, not merely as the regular respectable thing for a church to have, to be indifferently attended from Sabbath to Sabbath, but believe in it with force and favor, as the shrewd merchant believes in a line of operations sure to fill his cellar, or as the shrewd sectarian in a line of baits sure to gain him proselytes. We should believe in it with judgment, heart and soul. If I were



my hand at creed making, something of a recreation in these days, I would certainly have one article, and have it become Apostolical in spirit and aim. *I believe in the Sunday-school.* And as things now trend, I am not so sure but that this is the article of a rising or a falling church.

Every church member, and for a still stronger reason, every minister, should be thoroughly identified with it, and feel a responsibility for the buoyant, joyous, and successful life of the school. This identification demands, certainly, one simple yet essential thing, that the friends of the Sunday-school *attend it*. Nothing else will take the place of this. It is mint, anise and cummin, or worse, to talk sweet and friendly about the pleasantness and value of the Sunday-school, if you never go near it, or only attend the concert. These non-attendant helpers are a dead weight grievous to be borne. The epitaph over many a Sunday-school, dead or as good as dead, might be. "Killed by the kindness of its absent friends." If we love Christ, as well be absent from the communion table, as absent from that place where we can especially, and best of all places, do the will of Him who said, "Feed my lambs." If you would be a help to the Sunday-school, be there.

Should not every church member, and every minister, aim not at life merely, but at a bright, buoyant, joyous life in the Sunday-school? We can shine in it, and shine on it. The workers in the Sunday-school, pastor, superintendent, teachers, should look about them for bright, fresh, stirring methods. Wisdom and thoroughness should, of course, characterize all the work of instruction and management; but wisdom and thoroughness are not necessarily dull and heavy. Careful study and a warm heart, go a great way towards making an interesting teacher. Earnest, systematic, persevering study through the week, is a much better reliance, if a class is to be interested, than is the inspiration of the moment, and a plainly printed lesson-help. Indeed, the inspired teachers, apt to teach, are apt to study, and a great deal.

The business on hand in the Sunday-school room is of such a kind, so engaging, stimulating, full of promise, that one should be brilliant there, if ever—should do there his very brightest and best work. If there be any shine in a man, it should show in his Sunday-school.

Then the school should be set right in the sunlight of church favor, and right in the current of church liberality. Much, very much is feasible, to focus the beams of Christian love and Christian interest upon the individuals and classes of the school. The room and its decorations,

the greetings and manners, service, song, whole style of carrying on the work, should be easy, cheerful, winning, so that coming to Sunday-school from almost any other place, should be like coming out of shadow into sunshine. The Sunday-school is worth letting our best lights shine on it, as well as in it.

We can be earnest for preaching the Sunday-school gospel to "regions beyond." This institution of the familiar Bible-school is specially adapted to be a missionary and aggressive agency. Then nothing stimulates a home school like missionary offshoots. Take one of your bright scholars out of a class for a teacher in a mission school, and everybody in the home school talks about it. The daily work, the special exercises, the whole life of the new school interest the old. And if a stray school anywhere is so unfortunate as to have no missionary ground near home, let it pre-empt a piece in Aroostook or the West, in Spain, or India, or China, and as a Sunday-School, go straight for a blessing, by helping a Sunday-school there.

There is no one thing our Sunday-schools need more than to be filled with a missionary spirit—a desire to help, to give—yea, give, not one hand to the other, for papers, library-books, and so on, all for themselves, but downright giving to others.

I would have every Sunday-school penny box marked, "Give and *Give Away*." Let the children early have the safe and blessed luxury of *real* benevolence. Could I have my way, all their giving should be of that kind.

I have alluded to our imperfect statistics. As I think of these "regions beyond," it occurs to me that there is another table of figures. It is desirable to know about the schools *we have*, but the schools *we haven't*—what an array of facts and figures would that ground furnish, how telling, how touching, how stirring, to every quick Christian conscience, every warm Christian heart! Has not Christ just let this responsibility right down upon us, to immediately acquaint ourselves about the schools we haven't.

Should we not awake more thoroughly to the great fact that the exigencies of the times demand of us to fully join the forward movement in Sunday-school work and warfare? There are wars enough in the theological world and in the world of thought—those realms tangent upon theology, and the air is full of rumors of wars. What is man? Is he anything to be mindful of? Has he a moral sense? Is life worth

living? How long is eternal life? How short is eternal death? How true is the Bible? Whose voice speaks in it, God's or man's? Can a Christian be a respectable thinker? These queries may provoke a smile, but notwithstanding, they are the questions which our young theologians and ministers are treating to some extent as questions unsettled, cases yet in court. They are the burning questions of the time to our young men in general; and even our children are beginning to know that these are the real questions of the day.

Rationalism, materialism, scepticism, pious and unpious, unchristian christianity, practical heathenism, what is the only possible relief, the only promising remedy for these? What, but a universal infusion and diffusion of simple Biblical theology. The *whole* church, old, young, children in the Bible school, the grand drill room for the defeat of error. Especially must we teach the *children* the truth itself of the book of God, teach with intelligence, simplicity, freshness, and fervor. In this, is our only rational hope.

One thinks of the old story of the beleaguered city, which pressed by the perils of the siege, mustered in ranks its little children, and sent forth the thousands of this dear army, to meet the fierce enemies; and the sight so touched and melted their hearts, that they turned away from its walls. Then one is reminded of that notable day of danger in the history of God's people, when Ammon was arrayed against Israel, when the record is, that "all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children." But faith made heroes that day, and *they* bethought themselves of a new and strange reinforcement; they appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, "Praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth forever." And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon which were come out against Judah; and they were smitten.

And now again in our day, when the truth and the church are beset with enemies, the armies of little children are to go forth, our champions and defenders. Taught and trained in the Sunday-schools, they are a harp for God's praise. And the God of battles will give victory, as they go forth, singing, "We won't give up the Bible! God's holy book of truth."

This children's crusade is to be no failure, but is destined to redeem the sacred territory of the truth, the holy places, from the clutch of the infidels.

But rhetoric is needless in pleading this cause, The Sunday-school.—the church at school, is seen to be at the very front as an agency of power and progress. A vigorous Sunday-school makes a vigorous church; a vigorous church makes a vigorous Christianity, and a vigorous Christianity is the remedy for error, the rallying point for progress, the working and warring force that is to fill up of the labors of Christ until his great plan of work and warfare is crowned with success.

The Secretary begs leave to make two or three practical suggestions. Just how to bring these forward, was a matter of some perplexity. They are of course offered only as suggestions for the consideration of Conference, and should it deem best to so accept them, as hints toward official action.

In view of the important connection of our Sunday-school work with our Christian duty, and its relation to the strength and progress of our department of the church, this Conference would recommend:—

*First.* That such steps be taken as shall fully secure the ecclesiastical recognition of the Sunday-school cause as a co-ordinate branch of our church work, to be annually reported upon to this body, and given a place upon the programme of the meetings of this Conference.

*Second.* That a special blank, to be sent out and returned with that for the report of the churches, be prepared, to contain full and detailed statistics of our schools, (including number of adults in church and congregation, regularly at church, but not in Sunday-school; number of Sabbath-school children regularly at church service; number of persons within the limits of our proper effort as churches, who are not in any Sabbath-school; contributions of Sabbath-schools for missionary purposes, and such other similar items as may be deemed wise.)

*Third.* That this Conference favor the formation of a *State Congregational Sabbath-school Union*, as adapted to secure a more healthy and steady advance in our own denominational schools, and also as the best means to prepare us to engage in any union effort undertaken in the State.

*Fourth.* That suitable inquiry into the possibilities and practical advantages of some forward movement in Sunday-school missionary work in our State, be made as a matter both of expediency and duty.

Respectfully submitted.

B. P. SNOW,

*Sunday School Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
OF THE  
Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

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FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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On the 16th of October, 1828, several Congregational ministers met in convention at the vestry of the Second Congregational church, in Portland, to consider the expediency of making some provision for the relief of the widows and children of deceased ministers.

After consultation, it was deemed expedient to form a Society for this purpose; a committee was chosen to draft a constitution and by-laws, and they adjourned to meet Jan'y 13, 1829. They met again at the time appointed, and made arrangements to have the Society incorporated by the Legislature of the State. June 23, 1829, the act of incorporation having been obtained, the Society was formally organized by the choice of Rev. Allen Greely, President; Rev. Charles Freeman, Secretary; and Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, Treasurer. A Board of Trustees was also chosen.

This meeting was held at Waldoboro, in connection with the meeting of the General Conference, and the annual meeting of the Maine Missionary Society.

From that time to the present, this Society has held on its way, dispensing such funds as it has been able to collect, for the purposes and objects specified in its constitution.

These benefactions have not been large, yet they have afforded great relief to a most worthy and to an often very needy class of persons.

The blessings of the fatherless and of the widow, have rested upon the givers to the funds of this Society. It is a fact that many of the ministers of our denomination in this State, manage somehow to live on a very meagre salary. But, of course, very little, if anything, can be laid up for a rainy day. Then, when the rainy day comes, when the husband and father sickens and dies, the little store is soon exhausted, and absolute want looks the afflicted mother and children in the face.

The object of this Society is to say to such, "We will help you, will stand between you and suffering, and do what we can for your relief."

The number of churches contributing to this Society has always been small—this year eighteen, a larger number than usual. The whole amount contributed by churches and individuals, and derived from funds, has been \$745.46. Seventeen families and persons have been helped.

There is no more worthy charity than this, and it is greatly to be desired that it should receive more bountiful gifts in time to come.

Respectfully submitted.

F. V. NORCROSS, *Secretary*.

Bangor, June, 1882.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
OF THE  
Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society.

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SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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Your Secretary would again present to your kindly consideration the claims of the Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society. No State among the eastern sisterhood of States is more dependent upon this Society than our own. We have all the grades of schools, under the care of our denomination, by which a boy is taken in early years and carried through the Seminary, prepared for the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of these boys from the ragged hillside farms of our State, may be unable by their best endeavors to obtain a liberal education. A very little help may make this education possible. This is what we ask of you, not to support idle young men ; not to keep drones in the hive ; not to force forward young ministers who have not enough strength of character to work their own way. The idea has gone abroad in some quarters, that only mediocre men need to be helped. It is not so. Some of the brightest minds, some of the most energetic characters, have been helped by this Society.

Their education has been made possible by the small stipend which its funds have afforded. There are scores of other young men in our State, and hundreds in our country in a like condition, and their ranks are continually being recruited from the boys of our churches. Upon these boys whom this Society may help, will depend in large measure the future welfare of our Zion.

Let us not be recreant to our trust to the churches, by being indifferent to the interest of this Society.

F. E. CLARK, *Secretary.*

June, 1882.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
TO VISIT THE  
Bangor Theological Seminary, 1882

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The anniversary of the Seminary was attended by five members of the Visiting Committee named by the General Conference. Their duty, it is not too much to say, was, in this case, a delightful privilege. Representatives of the Committee were present through the week, enjoyed the social courtesies of the occasion, listened to the public addresses, heard the parts of the graduating class, and had every attention and facility extended by the Faculty and Board in examinations, and general inquiries needed to give them a full view of instruction, management of business, and financial trusts, and the policy and purpose of the institution.

Our cherished Seminary regards its duty towards culture, by giving able and thorough teaching, while there is maintained a practical aim throughout. The purpose seems to be to turn out a type of ministers who can *preach*, do pastoral work to advantage, strike wisely and efficiently, wherever the profession makes a legitimate demand for effort.

The Committee were greatly gratified by the results attained in the department of Mr. Denio—now, we are glad to say, Professor Denio. Such intelligent and patient instruction, such downright study, attainments so high under existing conditions, we deem worthy of special mention and emphatic commendation.

The instruction in Homiletics, the Committee would heartily approve, and would put meaning into their approval. If the results in the field, shall respond to their good appearance in the outcome of their examinations, these Seniors will be workmen in sermon making, needing not to be ashamed.

Church History presents so wide and exacting a field, that a brief examination can never do it justice; but here it was evident there has



been enthusiastic teaching and ability and diligence in the class. In our opinion the results reached in this department, fall not a whit below those of any other for excellence. The Committee were glad to see how carefully here, the review of the past of the church is made to tell upon the practical efficiency of the young men, for work under present conditions.

The department of Christian Theology, under the pressures and pointings of these times, can but be regarded with interest. The Committee are gratified to be able to fully confirm previous commendation of the teachings of the new Professor. The old faiths are sacredly and loyally kept, while the new light is neither barred out nor ignored.

In the bright, earnest, and weighty inaugural address of Professor Ropes, the Committee found corroboration of what they had gathered from his class work. His department, we are sure, will teach an exegesis that will go straight and sure to the Biblical fountains, and will work by clear, rational, and wholesome methods. Its watchword will be, "Find out just what God has said," in the full belief that He has spoken in an inspired Word, designed for human needs, and to be studied with direct and continual reference to needs here and now.

The Committee note with pleasure, the tendency to raise in a reasonable degree, the requisites for admission to the Seminary. While everything should be done, that can be done consistently, to meet the demands of those who apply for a place in the classes, the Committee deem it most desirable that the student come with such a measure of preparatory discipline, such power to think, as shall enable him, in these high, deep, and broad professional studies, to make the most of that grade of teaching which such a school is in theory designed to give, and which its practice should steadily and firmly approximate.

The productions of the graduating class were fairly delivered, in the main well written, and carried an unusually good freight of thought.

The financial condition of the institution at the close of this year, is highly satisfactory, the funds being safely and productively invested; but the friends of the Seminary should bear in mind the fact, that it is still in need, its chairs are not all endowed fully—and funds, if forthcoming, could be used to marked advantage.

With all others, the members of the Committee could but continually feel themselves under the shadow of a great grief and loss in the death of Dr. Pond, the taking away of our head from us. His grand, sweet,

thoroughly rounded life stood before us, as we had never before measured it. The singleness of his eye, the great, steady loyalty of his heart to Christ and His church, that loyalty especially manifest in his relation to this Seminary, the wisdom of his aims, the purity of his policy, the remarkable success of his life, were revealed anew to our grateful appreciation. The very shadow of his name, is now and will continue a power among us, and his memory will be a perpetual fragrance.

The Visitors to the Seminary, in making their report, find themselves inclined to a strain of quite unqualified commendation. But they believe they speak candidly and intelligently, and they gladly commend because they can sincerely do so.

The condition of our Seminary was never so worthy of hearty congratulation among its friends, as at the present time. The prospect of its enlarged usefulness is brilliant, and based on sound and assured conditions. The instruction, management, power, and promise of this cherished and beloved school of the prophets, are such as to challenge our most fervent prayers, our steady and affectionate interest, and our liberal benefactions.

For the Committee,

B. P. SNOW, Chairman.

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Term commences Sept. 14, 1882—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of Classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week.

### The Sixty-Second Anniversary of the Seminary.

*June 6—Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock, in the Chapel.* The Examination exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., of New Haven, Conn. The Senior and Middle classes were examined by Prof. Ropes, in New Testament Exegesis, the passages chiefly from Hebrews. 10 A. M.—Hymn; examination of the Junior Class in New Testament Greek, by Prof. Denio. 11.15 A. M.—After singing hymn, the Senior class were examined in Homiletics, by Prof. Sewall. 2 P. M.—Sung a hymn; and the Junior class were examined in New Testament Exegesis, by Prof. Ropes. 3 P. M.—Singing a hymn; Prof. Paine leading the examination of the Senior class, in Church History. 4.30 P. M.—Hymn; the Junior class examined by Prof. Denio, in Hebrew.

*Tuesday Evening.* The Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society, was held in Hammond Street church—Mr. Arthur W. Main, President, in the Chair. The congregation united in singing a hymn. Mrs. F. S. Davenport presiding at the organ; Rev. S. P. Fay, of Dorchester. Mass., led in prayer. Address by Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., of New Haven, Conn., in which he unfolded the thought that those who enter upon the work of the ministry, should have a clear understanding of its nature and obligations. Some of the conditions of usefulness and success in the ministry, were mentioned.

*June 7—Wednesday. 8 A. M.—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.* Rev. Francis B. Denio, who has commended himself during the past two years by his ability in the teaching of Hebrew and Greek, in the Seminary, was chosen as a Professor.

The following minute was adopted in memory of Dr. Pond:

The Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., spared to us for so many years, having been called by God to his rest and his reward, the Board of Trustees would place on record their sense of personal loss, and the loss of the Seminary and the church of Christ; their thankfulness to God for his rich and varied endowments, his long labors and eminent services as teacher in different departments of instruction in the Seminary; as a prolific author, and as preacher of the Gospel; and for his happy influence and example as an earnest and consistent Christian.

The report of the finances gave great satisfaction to the Visiting Committee. The Seminary receives \$3,000 by the will of the late Thomas M. Reed, of Bath.

9.30 A. M.—The examination of the classes continued in the Chapel. Prayer by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Middle class, in Theology, by Prof. Stearns. 11.15.—A hymn was sung, and the closing examination was by Prof. Paine, of the Middle class, in Church History.

In all the examinations, the Trustees, the Visiting Committee of the General Conference, and others present, asked questions as they occurred to them.

1 P. M. Alumni Dinner, at the Chapel. The entertainment was arranged and served by the ladies. Flowers adorned the tables, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed. Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Boston, an alumnus of 1843, and a member of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Rev. J. T. Hawes, (1826) of Litchfield, invoked the Divine blessing.

After the repast, Mr. Hayes introduced the intellectual part of the occasion by a tender reference to the vacant and draped chair by his side, and to the memory of Dr. Pond, who had filled it, and to his love and labor for the Seminary, for a half century.

Professor John S. Sewall also gave some reminiscences of Dr. Pond. A proposition which had been voluntarily made, that the Alumni have the privilege of erecting a monument to their beloved teacher and friend, was gladly responded to by those present. No large sum from any one is asked. All who desire to unite in this tribute, can send the amount to Prof. Sewall, Bangor.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, (1826) and his two sons, Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D. (1858) and Charles T. Hawes, (1882) covering a space of fifty-six years, were present and made remarks. Other speakers were Professors Paine, Stearns, and Denio; Revs. W. Parker, of Belfast; F. P. Chapin, of South Weymouth, Mass.; Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass.; F. E. Emrich, of Chicago, Ills.; G. A. Gordon, of Greenwich, Conn.; S. P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass.; and Dea. G. A. Thatcher, of Bangor, Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Allusions were frequently made to Dr. Pond, in testimony of the sincere love and veneration which was felt for him, and of his fidelity and devotion to the various objects in which he was engaged, especially in this Seminary.

NECROLOGY.—William W. Thayer, (1837) St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dec. 11, 1881, æt 72. Samuel C. Fessenden, (1837) Stamford, Conn., April 18, 1882, æt 67; Harvey M. Stone, (1847) Saundersville, Mass., Oct. 21, 1881, æt 62. Abram Maxwell, (1866) West Andover, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1882, æt 50. Woodbury S. Kimball, (1867) Presque Isle, Jan. 30, 1882, æt 30.

See Necrology, page 101-110.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—James H. Crosby, (1865) of Bangor, *President*; C. A. Beckwith, (1877) of Brewer, *Secretary and Necrologist*; Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., (1858) of Bangor, Wellington R. Cross, (1865) of Camden, with the President, Vice President, and the Secretary, *Executive Committee*.

**Inauguration of Professor Charles J. H. Ropes.**

4 P. M. The exercises attending the inauguration of Rev. CHARLES JOSEPH HARDY ROPES, as Professor of Sacred Literature, in the Seminary, were held in Hammond Street church.

The services opened with a hymn sung by the congregation. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of the Board of Trustees, offered prayer. Rev. S. P. Fay, also a member of the Board, and in behalf of the Trustees, welcomed Professor Ropes to the duties of his office, and extended to him the right hand of fellowship. Prof. R. had appended his signature to the articles of faith upon which the Seminary is founded.

The theme of his address was announced—the necessity now laid upon the ministry, to study the Bible—the kind of study, and the manner of study. Many forcible illustrations were given of the inadequacy of translations to express the full force of the original. It was urged as a moral and religious necessity, that the Bible should be read by the aid of the Holy Spirit—read in the light in which it was written—to reveal spiritual truth.

The services closed with singing, and the benediction.

Prof. Ropes held the undivided attention of his audience for a full hour.

The pulpit and platform were tastefully arranged with flowers and evergreens.

**Exercises of the Graduating Class.**

*Evening, 7.30.*—The graduating exercises of the Senior class were held at the Hammond Street church, as follows:

Singing by a quartette—Messrs. E. E. Holden, W. J. Patten, L. Ray, and G. S. Farrington:—

a—Day slowly declining,..... *Weber.*

b—O solemn midnight,..... *Collin Coe.*

Prayer, Professor L. L. Paine; response, The Lord's Prayer, by the choir.

Addresses by Albert Donnell, Zumbrota, Minn.—An apology for a "wicked city;" Edward H. Hackett, London, Eng.,—The enduring name; Charles T. Hawes, Litchfield,—The Gospel of intensity; William Haynes, Guelph, Ont.,—The alliance of faith and reason; George W. Johnson, Bluehill,—Liberty in Christ.

Music by the quartette:—Serenade, by *Schubert.*

Arthur W. Main, Noel, N. S.,—The ministry of the age; Thos. W. Minnis, Brooklyn, N. Y.,—The place of Christ in evolution; Frederic Newport, Bridgewater, Vt.,—The influence of Christianity on our civilization; Wilbur Rand, Morrisville, Vt.,—The call to preach; Frederic A. Wilson, Orono,—Christian hymnology.

Music by the quartette:—Holy Night, by *Chocatal.*

Professor Paine presented the diplomas, congratulating the class on the successful close of their work in the Seminary, and gave them charge to preach the Gospel and that only.

Prayer, Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., of New Haven, Conn.

The choir and congregation sung, "Ye christian heralds, go proclaim."

The benediction was pronounced by Professor Sewall.

Report of Anniversary, in Bangor Whig, and Commercial July 7, 8; Ch. Mirror, June 10, 17; Congregationalist, June 14; Advance, June 15.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., who has been connected with the Seminary for half a century, and accomplished so much for its interests, was called to his reward near the dawn of the Sabbath, Jan. 21, æt 91.

(See notices pp. 17, 81, 108, 113.)

Professor LEWIS F. STEARNS received the degree of D. D., from Princeton College, July, 1881. His inaugural address was published in Ch. Mirror, July 11, 1881; and also in the New York Independent, and New Englander. Prof. S. and wife spent their vacation in the Azores. They left Bangor June 7, 1882, arrived July 19. Returned Sept. 2.

The lectures of Prof. Sewall, on English Literature, at the Chapel of the Seminary, to the students, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, in the spring were attended by many of the citizens.

Rev. FRANCIS BRIGHAM DENIO, is a son of Horace Denio, Bakersfield, Vt. He graduated at Middlebury College 1871, Andover Seminary 1879. From September, 1879, Instructor in New Testament Greek, in Bangor Theological Seminary.

A course of ten lectures was given in the Seminary during the past winter, on themes connected with study and work for the ministry. These were by Rev. V. H. Fenn, of Portland, Nov. 29, '81—On the minister's need of organizing power; Rev. G. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, Dec. 6—Character of the preacher; Rev. F. E. Clark, of Portland, Dec. 13—How to benefit the young, and a reference to the Society of Christian Endeavor among the young; Rev. William Forsyth of Bucksport, Jan. 17, 1882—Study of the Bible necessary to success in the ministry; Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Jan. 24—Pastoral work, as distinguished from pulpit service; Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., Feb. 7—Pastoral work, conduct of prayer meetings, etc.; Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Boston, Mass., Mar. 27, 28—Three lectures on Sunday-school work.

Rev. Joseph E. Walker, an alumnus of the Seminary, 1871, gave an address in the Chapel, May 8, on China, its people, customs, religion, etc., and of mission work in that land, where he has been a missionary, stationed at Shanghai, Foochow, Southern China.

A semi-annual meeting of the Rhetorical Society, was held in the Chapel Jan. 20, 1882. Addresses by Messrs. A. H. Pennell, of Westbrook,—“Classic study;” W. W. Fay, of Saratoga Springs,—“Five minutes for refreshments;” Albert Donnell, of Zumbrota, Minn.,—“The Alumni.” There were three selections of music. The address on the Alumni of Bangor Seminary, by Mr. Donnell, was published in Ch. Mir., Feb. 18, '82.

A donation from the Central Church, Bangor, has established a post-graduate scholarship of \$1,000 in Bowdoin College, the income of which is appropriated to the aid of any student, who, after graduating at the Theological Seminary, Bangor, desires to take a post-graduate year at the College.

**Bowdoin College, Brunswick.***Incorporated June 24, 1794.***FACULTY.**JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN, LL. D., *President.*

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——— Winkley Professor of Latin.

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HENRY CARMICHAEL, A. M., PH. D., Professor of Astronomy and Physics; and in the Medical School, Professor of Chemistry.

——— Director in the Gymnasium.

LESLIE ALEXANDER LEE, A. M., Professor of Geology, and Biology.

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HENRY CARVILL, Assistant Treasurer.

Fall term commences Thursday, Sept. 21, 1882. Commencement Day, Thursday, July 12, 1883.

The Reading-room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and it is now a first-class Reading-room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Thursday evening. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The

object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer meeting is held under the direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle.

**BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE**, July 9, 1882, by President Chamberlain—Sabbath P. M., Matt. 6: 10, "Thy kingdom come." This is the prayer of history. It speaks of a work not yet finished, but a progress towards a consummation. It confesses imperfection, but predicts perfection. It is a work to be wrought in the earth, and its end is an assured triumph in which the divine will is to be done here as in heaven. The world needs such a regulating power. The spirit and life of christianity alone, can bring the longed-for deliverance. The prayer will be answered. It will be the consummation of human history, when the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

The devotional exercises led by Rev. Professor Alpheus S. Packard, D. D.

In the morning a sermon was preached by Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of the Hammond Street church, Bangor, before the Bowdoin Praying Circle, Isa. 54: 2. The development and enlargement of one's self—by self-respect; by seeking and profiting by the wisdom and experience of others; by education of the mind; by profound convictions and enthusiasm; by prayer, to be secured in the school of Christ, standing in his presence, breathing his spirit, taking his hand, doing his will.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Professor Gabriel Campbell, who read Isa. 55, and Phillippians 3.

*Monday Evening, July 10.*—Junior prize declamation. (The Sophomore prize declamation was given July 5.)

*Tuesday, July 11.*—Class Day, 10.30, in the church. Wm. G. Reed of Waldo-boro, President of the day. Prayer, Wm. W. Curtis, of Brunswick; Oration, Myron H. Goodwin, Gorham; Poem, Jesse F. Libby, Lock's Mills. 3 P. M., exercises under the oak. Evening, illumination.

*Wednesday, July 12.* 9 A. M.—Meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. 10.30 A. M.—Annual meeting of the Alumni. 2.30 P. M.—Dedication of Memorial Hall. Hon. J. W. Bradbury, in behalf of the Committee on Construction, made a formal presentation of the Hall to the President and Trustees of Bowdoin College, stating it cost \$83,000, and was delivered free of debt and incumbrances. President Chamberlain, in a few well chosen words, received the keys in behalf of the College Corporation. Prayer was offered by Rev. Professor A. S. Packard, D. D. Addresses followed by Gov. H. M. Plaisted, in behalf of the State; Rev. Newman Smyth, D. D.; Hon. J. H. Goodenow, of New York City, in behalf of Mrs. Stone, his kinswoman, of Malden, Mass, by whose generous gift the Hall was completed. Other addresses were made by Hon. L. D. M. Sweat, and Gen. John M. Brown, of Portland; Hon. N. W. Fuller, and M. Jewett, Chicago; Judge G. P. Hawes, and Gen. T. H. Hubbard, of New York City; Commodore Horatio Bridge, and Gen. Ellis Spear, Washington, D. C.; and Gen. S. C. Belcher, Farmington. The building was auspiciously dedicated. The music by Grimmer's Band, Portland.



7.30 P. M.—The Longfellow Memorial exercises were held in the new hall. After music by an orchestra, President Chamberlain introduced the exercises with fitting remarks. Prayer, by Rev. Albert H. Currier, of Oberlin College. Oration by Rev. Professor Daniel Baynes Goodwin, D. D. LL. D., of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Ida Cary Sturgis, sang Longfellow's "Day is Done."

The large painting of Longfellow, by his son, Ernest Longfellow, had a place upon the platform. The Boards of the College voted to request Dr. Goodwin to furnish his address for publication.

An unusual large number of the Alumni were present.

*Evening.*—Promenade Concert by the Band.

*Thursday, July 13.*—9 A. M. Prayer meeting of the Alumni and friends. 10.30—Graduating exercises of the Senior Class. Twenty-eight members. Ten addresses for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science. Two addresses for the degrees of Masters of Art and Masters of Science.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. William T. Savage, D. D., (1833) and President Paul A. Chadbourne, ex-President of Williams College.

Three hundred of the Alumni, at the close of the exercises marched to Memorial Hall, and partook of the commencement dinner. Speeches were made at the close, by President Chamberlain presiding, by President Chadbourne; Rev. Dr. D. R. Goodwin, (1853); Prof. A. S. Packard; Charles E. Soule, Esq., of New York, (1842;); Rev. William L. Hyde, (1842) of Ovid, N. Y.; Peter Thatcher, Esq., (1831) of Boston; Almon Goodwin, Esq., (1864) of N. Y., and others.

*Evening.*—Reception at the President's house.

*Friday, July 14.*—A large number presented themselves for examination for admission to the College; twenty-three were accepted; others will be received in September.



CHAPEL, LIBRARY, AND ART GALLERY.

of Cambridge, for a donation of \$1,000, for Library purposes; and for \$500, sent by Rev. G. W. Field, Bangor, for the Bangor church fund.

The sum of \$3,500 was obtained among the members of the Boards of the College, for a new gymnasium. They appropriated \$600 towards furnishing the new hall, and from friends, \$1,000 for a new laboratory. General Thomas W. Hyde, of Bath, has given a portrait of Gov. Chamberlain, to the College.

Joseph H. Warren, M. D., a graduate of the Medical Department in 1843, has presented the College with a Titian painting, (1543-1548.) representing Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness. The College has also received a full length portrait of Governor John A. Andrew, a graduate of 1836, and a statue of the Emperor Augustus; from Rev. A. L. Park, late of Gardiner, a copy of Riesel's painting in the new Pinekôheli at Munich, entitled "The Italian mother and child."

The College has \$300,000 invested in endowment funds, at an average of five per cent. Its financial condition is remarkably good. The College properties, museums, library, and buildings, as estimated with care, is \$750,000.

Professor Carmichael is appointed State Assayer. Professor Henry Johnson, Longfellow Professor of Modern Languages, has leave of absence two years, to pursue his studies abroad.

Of the class in which the poet Longfellow graduated in 1825, Hon. Cullen Sawtelle, one of the few surviving members, was present at the memorial service of his classmate. He was a member of the twenty-ninth and thirty-first Congress of the U. S. He is now eighty-four years of age, and possesses the vivacity and geniality of former years; also Hon. James W. Brailbury, and Mr. Horatio Bridge...The surviving members of the class of 1832, were to observe its semi-centennial anniversary. Of the class of twenty-seven, ten are now living—among them, Rev. C. A. Bartol, D. D., Rev. A. P. Chute, Rev. D. R. Goodwin, Edward Payson, ex-Bishop Horatio Southgate, Rev. H. G. Storer. The class of 1844, observed its thirty-eighth anniversary at Portland, on the fourteenth inst...The class of 1862, at Brunswick; the class of 1872, at the Preble House, Portland; the class of 1882, its farewell gathering at the Falmouth, Portland.

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Bowdoin Alumni, in Boston and vicinity, was held in Boston, January 25, '82.

The Alumni residing in Bangor and vicinity, met in Bangor, June 22, 1882. Oration by Hon. L. A. Emery, of Ellsworth; poem by Edward M. Field, M. D., of Bangor.

On the Day of Prayer for Colleges, studies were suspended. Professor G. Campbell preached a sermon in the morning; P. M. a prayer meeting was held in the Congregational Church; and in the evening at Adams Hall, in the Cong'l Chapel, and in the rooms of the Praying Circle.

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*Incorporated February 8, 1872.*

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The Anniversary exercises were held June 25, 26, 27, 1882.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sabbath morning, June 25, 1882, by Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell—Text, 1 Cor. 8:1. "Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth"—Theme—Love the architect of character.

Examination of the classes, Saturday and Monday, June 24 and 26.

*Monday evening, June 26.* Anniversary address, by Hon. Charles W. Goddard, of Portland. Moral character, not intellectual culture, the security of the State.

A timely and able presentation of some of the more offensive features of modern humbuggery in education, science and religion; pointing out the dangers connected with modern "progress;" that neither is material advancement in the inventions and discoveries of the age, any guaranty of increase in intellectual power or development; nor is an increase in mere intellectual knowledge any guaranty of improvement in morals. That the only sure support of morals is religious conviction, and that religious conviction requires for its support the belief in a personal Deity, and a divine and authoritative revelation, with personal accountability hereafter, for conduct here.

*Tuesday, June 27. 2 P. M.*—Anniversary Exercises of the graduating class. Devotional services, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, one of the Visiting Committee from the General Conference of Maine. Five orations, three essays, one discussion, vocal and instrumental music, by Miss Gardiner's pupils.

The courses of study are

1. The CLASSICAL, preparing for the best Colleges.
2. The SEMINARY, for the educational training and culture of young ladies.
3. ENGLISH, preparing for business.

Academical year begins Tuesday, August 20, 1882.

The Ladies' Hall looks out upon the Kennebec river, is heated by steam, and furnished with bathing rooms, and an abundance of pure spring water.

Young men room in private families, and board at the Ladies' Hall, or find a home in private families.

The School Year consists of three terms; the Fall, twelve weeks, commencing August 29, 1882; the Winter, fourteen weeks; and the Spring, thirteen weeks.

The living expenses of the students have been lessened.

For Catalogue or information, address the Principal, or Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary, Hallowell, Maine.

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Ninth anniversary of the State Branch, in Bangor, June 21, 1882. (Page 27.)

There are now connected with the Maine Branch, eighty-three auxiliaries, and sixty-one mission-circles. The receipts for the year, were \$3,553.77. Several new auxiliaries and mission-circles have been formed, and the receipts have exceeded those of any previous year. The funds have been appropriated as follows: Schools at Mardin and Bardsay, Turkey; and Umzumbi, Africa, and General Fund, \$2,827.45. Balance for Constantinople Home, \$64; toward Miss Clara Hamlin's salary, \$379.32; towards Miss Kimball's salary, \$92.00; towards Dakota Mission, \$65.00; for pupils in Constantinople Home, \$66.00; for school at West Madura, \$8.50; for school at Derende, Turkey, \$22.00; for school at Marsovan, \$9.50; for Bible-reading at Tocat, \$47.20. Ninth annual report is published, 12mo 33 pps.

**American Missionary Association,—Woman's Aid.**

ORGANIZED AT FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The report of the second annual meeting of this Auxilliary, at Bangor, may be found on p. 28.

Miss Anna E. Farrington, at Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Mary K. Lunt, of New Gloucester, at Selma, Ala., are sustained as teachers and missionaries among the Freedmen.

A letter from Miss F., (P. O. Box 207, Wilmington, N. C.) was published in Ch. Mirror, Aug. 13, 1881, May 6, and June 17, '82.

Letter from Miss L. (P. O. Box 189, Selma, Ala.) in Ch. Mir., March 11, 1882. At a meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Association of Alabama, at Marion, March 26, Miss L. was appointed Secretary.

THE COMMITTEE this year.—Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham, (to whom all remittances should be made;) Miss Lizzie Merrill, Brownville; Mrs. C. F. Stone, Machias.

*Co-operating Committee in local Conferences.*—Cumberland, Mary E. Smith, Gorham; Cumberland North, Mrs. H. L. Chapman, Brunswick; Franklin, Mrs. F. V. Stewart, Farmington Falls; Hancock, Miss Lucy Phelps, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, Mrs. J. O. Fiske, Bath; Oxford, Mrs. S. B. Twitchell, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Henry S. Brown, Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Lizzie Merrill, Brownville; Union, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram; Washington, Mrs. C. F. Stone, Machias.

**Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.**

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The second annual meeting was held in Bangor, June 21, 1882. A report of it may be found on p. 26.

The work of the Society, list of officers, etc., may be found with the Report of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

**Young Men's Christian Association of Maine.**

*Object:—Spiritual, Mental, and Moral Improvement. The Means:—Religious Meetings, Sunday-Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading-rooms. Lectures, Library, the Press.*

Any information in regard to their object, organization, work, etc., furnished free, on application to W. H. Hobbs, *Corresponding Secretary*, Portland.

**Congregational Societies.**

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Receipts from Maine, 1880-'81, \$6,287.24; Legacies, \$310.00; Mission Schools, \$452.11.—Total \$7,049.35.

Annual meeting of the Board in Portland, Me., Oct. 3, 1882, 3 P. M.

*Woman's Board of Missions*.—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President*; Miss A. B. Child, *Home Secretary*; Mrs. B. E. Bates, *Treasurer*. "Life and Light for Woman," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms, 1, 2. Congregational House, Boston.—Receipts from Maine, \$3,586.00.

*The American Missionary Association*.—Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21, Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Treasurer*, 56 Reade street, N. Y., pays for the *American Missionary Magazine*;—published monthly. Funds for the Association may also be sent to Mr. Hubbard.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 56 Reade street, New York, *Secretary*; Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.—Receipts from Maine, \$3303.00 including Legacies. The Ladies of Maine have in addition, collected \$671.63 for the Association.

Annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1882.

*American Congregational Association*, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

For information; or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., *Cor. Sec.*, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer, Boston, Mass.

*Vice-Presidents* for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Lewiston.

The twenty-ninth Annual Report is published, 12 pp., 8vo.; books and pamphlets are acknowledged as received during the year from Maine, for the Library.

*The Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society*. Aids Sabbath Schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., *Sec'y*. Rev. Albert E. Dunning, *Sunday School Sec'y*. Geo. P. Smith, *Agent*, Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Well Spring and Missionary Echoes, published weekly, 65 cents per year; Pilgrim Quarterly, 20 cents per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper, monthly, 7½ cents; Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper, weekly, 25 cents per year. Donated to Maine, \$49.42. Receipts, \$14.50.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Vice-President* from Maine.

*The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education*, and the *American Education Society*, are now united under the name of the *American College and Education Society*. Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States; and also aids students to the Christian Ministry; Rev. I. N. Tarbox, *Cor. Secretary*, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston. Receipts from Maine, \$2695.38. Eighth annual Report is published, 66 pps. 8vo.

*The American Congregational Union*.—Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., *Cor. Secretary*; Prof. N. A. Calkins, *Treasurer*, No. 59 Bible House, New York City. Rev. John O. Flske, D. D., of Bath, *Vice-President* from Maine; Rev. William

H. Fenn, of Portland, State Secretary; Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. Maine Missionary Society aids in communicating with the churches. Last year's receipts from Maine, \$533.97. Appropriated to the church in Marshfield. \$458.

This Society has aided twenty-eight churches, and in building twenty-nine meeting-houses, to the amount of \$16,280.14.

*The American Home Missionary Society*, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City, Revs. D. B. Coe, D. D., H. M. Storrs, D. D., Rev. Walter M. Barrows, Secretaries; Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Treasurer.

Directors for Maine, William E. Gould, Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., of Portland.

The Home Missionary, published monthly, at sixty cents per year. Receipts from Maine, \$433.37.

*New West Education Commission*.—Rev. Charles R. Bliss, 112 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill., Secretary. Col. Charles G. Hammond, 387 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Ill., Treasurer. Two churches and three individuals in Maine, contributed during the year \$34.97. The Second Annual Report, 37 pps. octavo, is published.

### Congregational Organizations.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871.—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874; Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877; St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, 1880.

Alabama, Gen. Conf'c of Cong'l Churches....	Marion.....	1882, Nov.
Arizona, with California.....	Stockton, Cal.....	1882, Oct. 5.
Arkansas, with Missouri.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	1882, Oct.
California, General Association.....	Stockton.....	1882, Oct. 5.
Colorado, Association of Cong'l Churches....	Colorado Springs..	1882, Oct. 12.
Connecticut, General Association.....	Thomaston.....	1883, June 19.
Connecticut, General Conference.....	New London.....	1882, Nov. 14.
Dakota, Congregational Association.....	Dell Rapids.....	1882, Sept. 21.
District of Columbia, in New Jersey Asso....	Jersey City, N. J..	1883, Apr. 17.
Georgia Congregational Conference.....	Midway, McIntosh P. O. Liberty Co.....	1882, Nov. 9.
Illinois, General Association.....	Ottawa.....	1883, May 28.
Indian Territory, in Red River Association.....		
Indiana, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers	Indianapolis.....	1883, May 9.
Iowa, General Association.....	Dubuque.....	1883, May 30.
Kansas, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers	Emporia.....	1882, Nov. 8.
Kentucky, St. Asso. of Christian Chs. & M'rs.	Berea.....	1882, Oct. 1.
Louisiana, South-western Cong'l Asso.....	New Orleans.....	1883, Apr.
Maryland, in New Jersey, Gen. Asso.....	Jersey City, N. J..	1883, Apr. 17.
Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.....		1883, June 19.
Michigan, General Association.....	Manistee.....	1883, May 16.

- Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Association.....Owatonna.....1882, Oct. 11.  
 Mississippi, with Tennessee.....  
 Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs.....Kansas City.....1882, Oct. 20.  
 Nebraska, Congregational Association.....Omaha.....1882, Oct. 25.  
 Nevada, in Gen. Asso. of California.....Stockton, Cal.....1882, Oct. 5.  
 New Hampshire General Asso.....Lancaster.....1882, Sept. 12.  
 New Jersey, General Association.....Jersey City.....1883, Apr. 17.  
 New Mexico, with Colorado.....Col. Springs, Col.....1882, Oct. 12.  
 New York, General Association.....Saratoga Springs..1882, Oct. 17.  
 North Carolina Conference.....Raleigh.....1883, May 3.  
 Ohio, Congregational Association.....Akron.....1883, May 8.  
 Oregon and Washington Cong'l Asso.....The Dalles.....1882, July 13.  
 Pennsylvania churches connected with New  
     York, Ohio and New Jersey Associations  
 Pennsylvania, Welsh Cong'l Asso. of W. Penn..Ebensburg.....1882, Aug. 2.  
 Pennsylvania, Welsh Cong'l Asso. of E. Penn..Shenandoah.....  
     Schuylkill Co..1882, Sept. 22.  
 Rhode Island, Congregational Conference....Little Compton....1883, June 12.  
 South Carolina, in Georgia Cong'l Conf'.....Midway.....  
     Liberty Co., Ga..1882, Nov. 9.  
 Tennessee, and Central South Conference....Florence, Ala....1882, Nov. 2.  
 Texas South West Cong'l Association.....1883, July.  
 Utah.....  
 Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs & Chs..Newport .....1883, June 12.  
 Virginia in Cong'l Association New Jersey....Jersey City, N. J..1883, Apr. 17.  
 Virginia West, in Ohio Cong'l Association....Akron, O.....1883, May 8.  
 Washington Territory, Congregational Asso..Seattle.....1882, Aug. 17.  
 Wisconsin, Cong'l and Presb. Convention....Euclaire....1882, Sept. 26.  
 Wyoming with Colorado Association.....Col. Springs, Col..1882, Oct. 12.  
 Congregational Union of England and Wales, autumnal meeting in Bristol, Oct.  
     10, 1882; in May, 1883, London, Eng.  
 Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Milton, Queen's  
     County, N. S., July 7, 1883.  
 Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at London, Ontario, June 6, 1883.  
     See Note p. 22.

#### RECEIVERS AND REPORTERS IN MAINE.

*Aroostook Conference*—Rev. Edward P. Eastman, Fort Fairfield. *Cumberland*  
 —Rev. E. S. Tead, Cumberland Mills. *Cumberland North*—Rev. T. S. Perry,  
 Cumberland Center. *Franklin*—Dea. E. P. Packard, Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev.  
 Albert N. Jones, Mt. Desert. *Kennebec*—Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond.  
*Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. J. E. Pond, Warren. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine,  
 Bethel. *Penobscot*—Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor. *Piscataquis*—Rev. Rufus W.  
 Emerson, Monson. *Somerset*—A. R. Bixby, Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. Lewis  
 Goodrich, Lovell. *Waldo*—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. *Washington*—Rev.  
 Frederic E. Shaw, East Machias. *York*—Rev. Wm. S. Thompson, Acton.



**Average Ministerial Age.**

The average ministerial age of the 191 ordained ministers now in the State is 20 years; of 51 who have no pastoral charge, 32 years; of the others, (140) 16 years.

Of the 191, John J. Carruthers, D. D., of Portland, has been in the ministry, 63 years; L. Ives Hoadley, of Warren, 59 years; Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld, each 56 years; Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, 54 years, and still in active service; Phillip Bunnell, of Phillips, 54 years; Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, 51 years; eighteen, from 45 to 50 years—average 45 years; twenty-six, from 31 to 40 years—average 35 years; thirty-two, from 21 to 30 years—average, 25 years; thirty-one, from 11 to 20 years—average 15 years; seventy-seven, from 1 to 10 years—average 5 years. Total, 191.

Average time of settlement of the sixty-two over the churches of which they are now pastors—nine years; these have been in the ministry, average fifteen years each.

Average time of settlement of seventy-eight acting pastors all of whom are ordained ministers, four years; these have been in the ministry, average sixteen years each.

**IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.**

The first and second column of figures in the table below, gives the number of ministers in each Conference, and the average years of their ordination. The third, fourth and fifth columns, the number of pastors, average number of years in the present pastorate, and the average number of years in the ministry. The sixth, seventh and eighth columns, the number of acting-pastors, the average number of years as such in the churches with which they are now connected, and the average number of years in the ministry. The ninth and tenth columns, the number without charge, and the average number of years in the ministry. Fractions of years are omitted.

Conferences.	1 No. of Ministers.	2 Average Min- isterial Age.	3 Pastors.	4 Average No. of Years.	5 Average Min- isterial Age.	6 Acting Pastors.	7 Average No. of Years.	8 Average Min- isterial Age.	9 Without Charge.	10 Average Min- isterial Age.
Aroostook .....	6	18	1	3	3	3	1	11	2	37
Cumberland .....	23	24	13	8	16	3	3	22	7	39
Cumberland, North .....	22	16	8	5	9	8	5	13	6	29
Franklin .....	11	23	2	3	6	5	2	17	6	32
Hancock .....	12	19	3	6	6	5	7	21	4	29
Kennebec .....	12	17	3	2	7	5	7	20	4	22
Lincoln and Sagadahoc .....	17	17	7	12	16	8	4	8	2	51
Oxford .....	9	18	3	14	22	5	2	11	1	43
Penobscot .....	16	15	4	6	11	3	1	6	9	21
Piscataquis .....	6	20	3	15	25	3	5	16	0	0
Somerset .....	5	28	1	24	44	4	10	25	0	0
Union .....	10	17	2	6	6	7	3	15	1	49
Waldo .....	8	20	3	7	17	2	1	9	3	41
Washington .....	9	7	3	8	16	6	3	6	0	0
York .....	25	25	6	3	11	13	5	26	6	40
<b>Fifteen.</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>

Since the preceding table was completed for the year ending May 7, 1882, some have been omitted who have supplied a portion of the year, and other substitutes added who supplied after May 7. Thus giving the latest supply. It will not change the number of ministers in the State, or the average age.

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### RETURNS OF THE CHURCHES.

The return of the Churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following*. ~~to~~ Begin in April to gather the material.

The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. Write to any church after the first week in May has past, that may not have reported, and repeat if necessary, until answer is received.

(See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

The CONSTITUTION and RULES of the General Conference, in Minutes 1880. pps. 148, 149. Constitution also in 1881, p. 188.

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NOTICE.—The copy of the Minutes of the General Conference, and Report of the Maine Missionary Society, directed to each church, to be placed with the records of the church, for preservation and reference.

Extra copies of the Minutes and Report will be furnished for thirty cents. Orders may be sent to E. F. Duren, Chairman of the Publishing Committee 201 Hammond St., Bangor, Me.

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For the loan of cuts of High St. church, (pps. 62, 63.) the General Conference are indebted to the favor of Dea. Brown Thurston, of Portland; for that of Hammond St. church, (p. 82,) to O. F. Knowles & Co.; and that of the Chapel, Bowdoin College, (p. 153,) to Stephen Berry, of Portland.

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Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 24, 1881..  
State Fast, April 13, 1882.

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P. 21. Dea. T. B. Foss, of Skowhegan, was appointed by Somerset Conference as Visitor to Bangor Theological Seminary, and should have been inserted on this page. Rev. T. G. Mitchell, was appointed the year previous.

P. 22. Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, is the alternate delegate to the Yearly Meeting of Friends.

SEVENTY-FIFTH'  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,  
PRESENTED AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING, AT BANGOR.  
JUNE 21, 1882.

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steele, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a Society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland, in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved Jan. 27, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION,

*As revised and adopted June 23, 1872.*

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY So-

ciETY. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Home Missionary Society.

V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society; and a payment of less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, fifteen Trustees, besides the President and Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio members of the Board. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society, as follows: the President, Vice-President, and Auditors, for a term of three years; the Secretary and Treasurer for a term of one year; the fifteen elective Trustees in three ranks of five each, to hold office respectively for three years, two years, and one year from the next election, (1882,) and thereafter five shall be chosen annually, to hold office for three years, one of whom at each election shall be a person who has not served on the Board the previous year. When an office becomes vacant by resignation or death, the place shall be filled by an election for the unexpired term. Seven of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, and shall present annually a full and accurate account of

all receipts and disbursements. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting, they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 3rd Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to co-operate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary, with the Treasurer, shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed, when advised by the Trustees.

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#### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AID.

The Congregational Church in——, hereby applies to the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, for aid for the year ending July 1, 188—, and gives the following answers to the proposed questions :

1. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all resident members of the church, as found on last town valuation?
2. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all members of the Society except the members of the church?

3. What is the name of the minister for whom a commission is desired?
4. Are his services sought for the whole, or a part of the time?
5. What amount of salary do you propose to pay him?
6. Does your Society own a parsonage? If so, what rent is charged?  
Is it reckoned in amount of salary?
7. How much fund, or other property, has the Society? What is the annual income?
8. What proportion of the salary is pledged by the people?
9. Is aid expected from any other source than this Society? How much?
10. What is the least amount of aid needed from this Society for the year ending July 1, 188 ?

NOTICE.—A certificate of the minister that previous pledges by the people for his support have been redeemed, is required.

It is expected of churches, that they will pay for the support of preaching at least *one per cent.* on their *taxable property* before asking aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

A special rule adopted by the Trustees, requires that each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society make, while the assistance is granted, *an annual contribution.*

This application should be made by a committee of the church, and duly signed. It will save expense and delay to answer every particular. Do not mark anyone "*as heretofore,*" &c. It does not answer a question.

### FORM OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PASTORS OF AIDED CHURCHES.

DEAR BROTHER :

It is desired that those who are commissioned to perform ministerial service for the churches aided by the Maine Missionary Society, present to the Secretary of the Society reports for the quarters ending September 30, December 31, March 31, and May 7, and that the reports be sent in promptly at these dates.

And in order that the Trustees and the Secretary may be furnished with such information as they need for the proper discharge of their duties, it is requested that these reports be made by filling the following form :

*To the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society :*

Please receive herewith my report of labor at——, for the quarter ending——, 188——, and send an order to the Treasurer for so much as is due me from the Society at this date.

(Signed) —— ———

## QUESTIONS.

1. How many weeks of missionary labor are embraced in this
2. How many pastoral visits have been made?
3. Has a weekly prayer meeting been maintained?
4. What has been the average attendance at the weekly prayer
5. In how many neighborhoods have religious meetings been h
6. For what charitable objects have offerings been made; :  
much has been given for each?
7. Has a monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of tl  
been observed?
8. How many have attended the Sabbath school?
9. What else has occurred, worthy of notice, relating to such  
as—the attendance at meetings,—the religious visitation of fa  
the distribution of religious reading,—temperance,—cases of  
interest,—conversions,—additions by profession,—discipline,—  
benefit those who do not attend public worship,—obstacles,—en  
ments?

NOTE.—Attention is called to the following rule, adopted by the T  
their annual meeting, 1867: Each church assisted by the Maine Missi  
cety, will be required to make. while this assistance is continued, :  
contribution to its funds. Also notice this standing rule.

The Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Soc  
terly, shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those w  
semi-annually, shall be entitled to semi-annual drafts. Those who f  
der an annual report on or before the first of June, shall be considere  
ing forfeited their claim to their last quarterly payment, unless a sufficie  
be rendered.

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 FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

*Annual Report of the Church and Society in——made to th  
Missionary Society, for the year ending May 7, 188 .*

1. The number of church members is, male,—, female,—; to
2. The additions to the church during the year ending May 7  
profession—, letter—; total—
3. The number of hopeful conversions, is—
4. The number of families ordinarily represented in the cong  
is—
5. The average number of the Sabbath congregation, is—
6. The number attending week-day prayer-meeting, is—
7. The number in the Sabbath-school, as pupils, young and ol



8. The amount of contributions to the Maine Missionary Society, is \$—
9. The amount contributed to all other religious charities, is \$—
10. The cash salary of the minister, is—
11. Has he use of parsonage? If so, at what estimated rent?
12. Is the salary punctually paid?
13. The amount of permanent fund, if any, is—

NOTE.—Make a careful statement of all the above facts, and return promptly; and upon this report the usual order for payment will be drawn.

### NOTICES.

Any correspondence relating to the general interest of the Society, may be directed to Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, P. O. Box 464, Bangor, Me.

Remittances of money, and communications relating to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to John L. Crosby, Esq., Treasurer, P. O. Box, 1528, Bangor, Me.

Aid Societies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, should forward their collections to Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, Treasurer, Bangor, Me.

Application for aid should be made by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. It is very desirable that the ministerial year should correspond with the year of the Missionary Society, which is June 1st, so that all applications for renewal of aid may be ready for the action of the Trustees at their annual meeting, held on the third Wednesday of June, each year.

Committees of churches are requested to report every particular mentioned in the form of application, as failure to answer any one of the particulars may cause inconvenience, expense and delay. Do not put against any number,—“Nothing different from past year,” etc. State presents facts positively.

The Trustees will not be expected to continue aid where pecuniary liabilities to the pastor are not promptly discharged. It is suggested that weekly or monthly collections at a regular Sabbath service, of the previously pledged subscriptions for the support of preaching, will insure the best results for all concerned.

No church should fail of a generous contribution to the Maine Missionary Society in any year.

Let annual reports be not mere statistics, but a concise review of the year, embracing all important facts.

*Form of a Bequest to the Maine Missionary Society.*

I give to the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY the sum of\_\_\_\_\_ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Some legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to legal name, or by neglect of making a formal bequest.

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Maine Missionary Society met in the Central Church, Bangor, 9 o'clock A. M., June 21, 1882.

In the absence of the President, the Vice President, Dea. J. Wheelwright, was in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. B. Thayer, one of the Trustees. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. G. McCully, of Calais. Text: Psa 104 : 10.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Treasurer, J. L. Crosby, Esq. and the motion to accept and print was passed.

The report of Trustees was presented by the Secretary. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. C. H. Pope, of Thomaston, and seconded by Rev. Chas. Davison, of Greenville. And it was voted to print as usual.

Earnest addresses were made by Rev. C. H. Pope, Rev. B. P. Snow, Rev. P. B. Thayer, Rev. D. Garland, and Rev. H. M. Parsons, Toronto, Ont. Dea. C. F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, representing Northern Aroostook, and asked aid in the renovation of the meeting house at Presque Isle. About \$200 were pledged or paid.

The Committee appointed last year to report amendments to constitution, presented a form which would change Article VI,—and recommending that no change be made in Article VIII, relating to the sermon. Voted to adopt report, and that it become the rule for the present and future elections. For change, see Article VI, as amended.

The following officers were chosen, viz :

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D., *President*, for three years.

JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, ESQ., *Vice President*, for three years.

Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, *Corresponding Secretary*, for one year.

JOHN L. CROSBY, ESQ., *Treasurer*, for one year.

TRUSTEES :

*First class, for one year :*

Rev. H. F. Harding.  
Rev. P. B. Thayer.  
Prof. L. L. Paine, D. D.  
Joseph Titcomb, Esq.  
Rev. W. H. Fenn.

*Second class, for two years :*

Barnabas Freeman, Esq.  
Rev. T. G. Mitchell.  
Rev. J. E. Adams.  
W. E. Gould, Esq.  
Rev. G. S. Dickerman.

*Third class, for three years :*

Rev. H. S. Huntington.  
E. R. Burpee, Esq.  
Rev. F. E. Clark.  
W. P. Hubbard, Esq.  
Rev. B. P. Snow.

*Auditors for three years :*

Dea. W. S. Dennett. B. B. Thatcher, Esq.

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The next annual meeting is to be held with the Houlton church, on the third Wednesday of June, 1883. First preacher, Prof. C. J. H. Ropes, Bangor ; alternate, Rev. C. A. Dickinson, Portland.

Adjourned.

Attest :

J. E. ADAMS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

# WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

Organized at Foxcroft, June 17, 1880.

## OFFICERS.

### PRESIDENT.

Mrs. W. E. GOULD, Portland.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Aroostook,	Mrs. B. P. Snow,	Houlton.
Cumberland,	Mrs. C. M. Dow,	Portland.
Cumberland North,	Miss Celia Valentine,	New Gloucester.
Franklin,	Mrs. M. T. Wade,	Farmington.
Hancock,	Mrs. G. G. Powers,	Orland.
Kennebec,	Mrs. E. N. Smith,	Waterville.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc,	Mrs. C. H. Pope,	Thomaston.
Oxford,	Mrs. Sabrina Dillaway,	Bethel.
Piscataquis,	Mrs. D. A. Morehouse,	Foxcroft.
Penobscot,	Mrs. A. J. Bates,	Brewer.
Somerset,	Mrs. C. A. Dole,	Norridgewock.
Union,	Mrs. J. P. Hubbard,	Hiram.
Waldo,	Mrs. J. H. Noyes,	Belfast.
Washington,	Mrs. Wm. P. Paine,	Eastport.
York,,	Mrs. Geo. Michael,	Alfred.

### TREASURER.

Mrs. ROSE M. CROSBY, Bangor.

### SECRETARY.

Mrs. L. L. PAINE, Bangor.

The object of this Society is to arouse deeper interest among the churches in the work of the Maine Missionary Society, and to collect money for its aid.

CONSTITUTION FOR STATE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of the officers, to interest all Congregational churches in the State, to form Aid Societies, with a view to raise money for the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 4. All funds collected, shall be given to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Society, as often as once in each year.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and the transaction of other business, in connection with the meeting of the Maine General Conference, in June—the place and hour to be designated by the Secretary.

CONSTITUTION FOR CHURCH SOCIETIES.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the [here insert name selected] Aid Society of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen at the annual meeting. One person may act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the collection of money to aid the Maine Missionary Society, and the arousing of deeper interest in the work of that Society.

ART. 4. All money raised by this Society, shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Auxiliary, to be used by her as their constitution directs.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of this Society by the annual payment of—or the monthly payment of—(The *method* of raising funds to be left to the discretion of the officers of the Society.)

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society submit the following report, as setting forth the progress of the Society for several years, and its work for the past year. So far as it refers to the history, it will be mainly comparative; and so far as it refers to the year, it will be confined to facts.

More than two generations have come and gone since the organization of the Society in 1807, and but few of the second generation now continue in its work, or enjoy its prosperity. During the last several of its older friends and patrons have passed to the better and to their rich reward.

We mention with reverence and love the name of Professor Pond, D. D., so long upon the board of Trustees, and the education of so many missionary pastors. We remember with gratitude Joshua Wells, Esq., who, for so many years and with such self-sacrifice, labored for the financial affairs of the Society as its Treasurer. We mourn the death of Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, which seemed so untimely as it was in the very midst of his labors and usefulness, and in a part of the State especially needing his assistance. We must add to this the name of Rev. David Shepley, D. D., who has served the Society as pastor, Trustee, and Provisional Secretary—and the name of Rev. Uel C. Fessenden, who gave some of his best years to the missionary work, and presented to the Society a handsomely bound set of reports from 1808 to 1872, together with the Minutes of the General Conference from the time of its organization to 1872, a gift that is more and more appreciated as time passes—and the name of Rev. Alfred Gale, who was one of the earlier pastors in the eastern part of the State—and the name of Rev. James Cameron, well known to many of us as “our artist missionary,” and who came to so sad a death in California—and the name of Rev. Abram Maxwell, who was summoned “come up higher” while laboring at the West. All these were mentioned in our good report,” and they will not soon be forgotten.

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The following table will be understood readily, and is valuable as a synopsis of the work for the year.

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								Conversions.	Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Families.	Prayer-meeting.	Sunday-school.	Maine Missionary Society.	Other Objects.
1	Abbot.....	G. N. Howard.....	July, 1881	2	16	6	50	10	8	0	13	19	32	...	15	30	22 25	...
2	Acton.....	G. M. Sanborn.....	Jan. 1882	3½	84	3½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Albany.....	Rev. W. S. Thompson ..	July, 1881	12	150	12	68	0	1	0	19	35	54	38	12	52	34 72	19 75
4	Amherst and Aurora.....	W. D. P. Bliss.....	July, 1881	24	40	24	65	0	0	0	13	32	45	30	15	75	20 00	13 00
5	Andover.....	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson ..	Sept. 1881	3½	56	3½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Anson So.....	G. W. Johnson.....	July, 1881	24	40	24	100	0	0	0	8	45	53	54	...	60	5 00	...
7	Auburn West.....	Wm. Haynes.....	Oct. 1881	1½	17½	1½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Bangor East.....	Rev. Chas. Dame.....	July, 1881	12	100	12	80	0	0	0	27	47	74	40	15	60	7 50	...
9	" " West.....	Rev. J. Dinsmore.....	Apr. 1882	3	16	3	50	0	0	0	12	22	34	25	...	50	5 00	...
10	Belfast North.....	Rev. J. S. Batchelder ..	Apr. 1882	3	37½	3	8	0	0	0	38	62	100	27	17	47	9 00	28 23
11	Benton.....	A. W. Main.....	July, 1881	8	76	8	60	0	0	2	22	24	46	30	8	40	3 00	...
12	Bingham.....	Essex St.....	Jan. 1882	3	44	3	...	...	...	...	Branch	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Brooksville and Sedgwick.	Rev. J. B. Hawes.....	Jan. 1882	3	52	3	50	0	...	...	No Ch.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Brownfield.....	R. J. Kyle.....	July, 1881	3½	42	3½	50	0	0	0	6	21	27	40	25	50	...	...
15	Caribou.....	Rev. Wooster Parker ..	Sept. 1881	1½	40	1½	50	0	0	0	12	38	50	50	20	68	6 00	1 50
16	Casco.....	Rev. G. W. Jones.....	July, 1881	12	50	12	60	0	0	0	19	27	46	30	...	60	8 00	...
17	Cherryfield.....	F. F. McLeod.....	July, 1881	2½	42	2½	80	0	0	0	9	17	26	25	...	90	...	...
18	Cornish and Hiram.....	Rev. H. J. Hart.....	July, 1881	12	150	12	100	0	0	0	15	27	42	35	...	60	18 00	15 00
19	Cornish and Hiram.....	Rev. E. S. Jordan.....	July, 1881	12	100	12	80	0	0	0	11	21	32	70	...	100	10 00	...
20	Cornish and Hiram.....	Rev. R. S. Whidden ..	July, 1881	12	350	12	100	2	0	0	11	21	32	70	...	100	10 00	...
21	Cornish and Hiram.....	Rev. I. H. Libby.....	July, 1881	12	100	12	90	1	5	1	13	20	33	45	35	70	10 00	...
22	Cornish and Hiram.....	Rev. E. M. Cousins.....	July, 1881	12	250	12	85	1	5	1	15	33	48	...	40	50	13 50	26 00
23	Cornish and Hiram.....	Rev. Z. Crowell.....	July, 1881	12	200	12	110	13	1	0	18	39	57	...	30	...	5 50	...
24	Cornish and Hiram.....	...	...	...	...	...	75	5	2	1	2	17	19	...	52	75	10 40	24 00
25	Cornish and Hiram.....	...	...	...	...	...	75	5	2	1	2	17	19	...	12	150	15 00	21 00





38 Lincoln	F. Newport	July.	1881	24	40	24	75	0	0	0	9	17	26	40	63	2	53	.....
39 Litchfield	Rev. J. T. Hawes	Oct.	1881	24	40	12	65	0	0	0	20	38	58	25	15	45	27	00 32 00
40 Litchfield East	Rev. H. S. Loring	July.	1881	3	30	3	40	0	1	1	No Ch.						8 00	
41 Lowell	Rev. L. Goodrich	July.	1881	12	100	12	150	0	0	0	40	83	123	56	20	135	23	00
42 and Sweden							45	3	1	0	11	20	31	19	30	11	90	.....
43 Machiasport	Rev. R. H. McGown	Oct.	1881	9	150	9	90	0	0	0	24	28	52	45	45	70	5	10
44 Marshfield							75	0	0	0	17	29	46	25		75	5	00
45 and, Whitneyville							50	0	0	0	15	23	38	25	12	80	5	00
46 Madison	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	July.	1881	12	125	12	90	0	0	0	30	41	71	30		90	35	00 14 00
47 Madison East	Rev. O. J. Hancock	July.	1881	9	50	9	.....	1	0	0	7	13	20	18		70	1	00
48 Medway	E. H. Hackett	July.	1881	24	41	24	60	0	0	0	No Ch.				30	30		.....
49 Mercer	F. G. Chutter	July.	1881	12	100	12	85	7	0	0	10	22	32		55	13	00	.....
50 Vassalboro							100	0	0	0	2	11	13		25	65	3	00
47 Milford	Rev. H. A. Freeman	July.	1881	12	100	12	60	2	0	0	No Ch.				30	25	30	.....
48 Millbridge	Rev. E. L. Walbridge	July.	1881	12	100	12	225	15	0	0	No Ch.				45	70	90	.....
49 Minot West	Rev. J. S. Cogswell	July.	1881	24	224	24	70	0	0	0	9	12	21					.....
50 Monmouth	C. T. Hawes	July.	1881	12	24	12	65	0	0	0	21	43	64	35	25	50	21	00
51 Monson	J. B. Carruthers	Apr.	1882	3	25	3	.....											.....
52 Newfield West	Rev. J. B. Hawes	July.	1881	12	200	6	65	9	6	0	37	55	92	35	30	55	15	00
53 Parsonsfield	G. M. Sanborn	Apr.	1882	24	194	24	.....											.....
54 New Vineyard	Rev. J. Edwards	July.	1881	12	150	11	60	2	1	2	15	16	31	42	20	50	27	00 6 50
55 Northfield	W. Vaughn	July.	1881	2	32	2	40	0	0	0	4	4	8	14				.....
56 Oxford	C. L. Skinner	July.	1881	24	40	24	30	0	0	0	7	6	13	9		30		.....
57 Patten	Rev. F. E. Enrich	July.	1881	12	65	12	40	0	0	0	9	18	27		14	16		.....
58 Island Falls	G. W. Stearns	July.	1881	12	300	12	55	7	2	0	13	28	41	22	18	64		.....
59 Penbroke	J. W. Todd	July.	1881	24	36	24	65	3	1	0	14	23	37	25	9	50	9	11
60 Phillips	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	July.	1881	12	225	12	60	0	0	0	6	13	19	24	6	80		.....
61 Pitston	Rev. D. I. Davis	July.	1881	12	200	12	80	4	4	5	8	15	23	25	13			.....
62 Portland Fourth ch.	Rev. J. G. Wilson	Apr.	1882	3	50	8	90	3	1	0	7	21	28	45	40	50	8	37
63 Presque Isle and Maysville	Rev. W. S. Kimball	July.	1881	12	350	7	100	0	0	0	7	17	24	20		50		.....
64 Princeton and Waite	Rev. G. E. Chapin	July.	1881	12	150	12	100	2	0	0	21	36	60	40	20	101	42	00 25 00
65 Robbinston	C. J. Strang	July.	1881	2	49	2	90	0	0	0	19	41	61	40	18	50	10	00 7 00
66 and Red Beach	Rev. D. E. Smith	Jan.	1882	6	100	6	90	0	0	0								.....
67 Rumford	A. Donnell	July.	1881	24	36	24	60	4	4	1	7	17	24	15		25	6	00

TABULAR VIEW, Continued.

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65	Sanford.....	Rev. H. J. Stone.....	July, 1881	12	150	12	75	0	0	4	16	28	44	8	85	\$ 5 00	\$.....
	and South Sanford.....						20	0	0	0	5	19	24	15	90	.....	.....
66	Sherman.....	Rev. I. C. Bumpus.....	July, 1881	12	300	12	100	2	2	5	39	75	114	20	80	5 50	5 50
67	Standish.....	Rev. J. P. Trowbridge.....	July, 1881	12	125	34	70	0	0	0	4	33	37	16	45	15 00	22 80
68	Solon.....	Rev. R. M. Peacock.....	July, 1881	12	150	12	75	0	1	1	14	19	33	47	15	55	14 00
	and No. New Portland.....						45	0	0	0	2	9	11	25	50	.....	.....
69	Somesville.....	Rev. A. N. Jones.....	July, 1881	12	200	12	100	3	0	1	7	22	29	31	30	38 50	.....
	and Tremont.....						125	0	1	0	12	56	68	60	30	110	27 50
70	Stockton.....	Rev. D. W. Hardy.....	Oct. 1881	9	75	9	60	0	0	0	25	43	68	25	40	10 67	.....
71	Strong.....	Rev. W. Parker.....	July, 1881	14	40	14	80	9	0	0	36	60	96	44	30	3 50	.....
		E. S. Wilder.....	.....	9 1/2	110	9 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
72	Stow and Chatham.....	C. Pike.....	July, 1881	3	26	3	40	3	0	0	11	20	31	30	50	4 00	.....
73	Turner.....	Rev. E. S. Tingley.....	July, 1881	12	100	9	110	0	0	3	36	57	93	35	90	16 00	3 00
74	Union.....	Rev. F. V. Norcross.....	July, 1881	13	200	12	116	0	0	3	18	60	78	52	112	17 00	11 30
	and Washington.....						55	3	0	0	4	8	12	40	20	1 00	.....
75	Van Buren.....	A. H. Pennell.....	July, 1881	2	37	2	40	0	0	0	.....	No Ch.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
76	Whiting.....	D. T. Williams.....	July, 1881	24	36	24	90	0	0	0	6	21	27	29	55	.....	.....
77	Wilton.....	Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	July, 1881	12	225	12	95	2	0	2	30	58	88	40	15	50 00	128 04
	and Temple.....						75	0	6	0	22	39	61	35	12	50	3 50
78	Windham.....	Rev. L. Wiswall.....	July, 1881	12	50	12	60	1	1	0	13	44	57	30	15	26 50	25 00
79	Woolwich.....	Rev. H. O. Thayer.....	July, 1881	12	100	12	120	0	0	0	24	70	103	69	25	42 00	27 00
80	York Second.....	Rev. J. Freeman.....	July, 1881	12	125	12	70	1	0	0	10	33	43	9	62	11 25	12 00
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## NOTES.

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1. **ABBOT.** Under the immediate labor of Mr. Sanborn, this little church has been blessed and greatly encouraged.

2. **ACTON.** The ordinary means of grace are still enjoyed here, and the people continue to be united in their pastor.

3. **ALBANY.** REV. H. H. Hutchinson has been secured as constant supply for the present. There have been four removals by death, three of whom were prominent male members, and reliable supporters of worship. The loss is deeply felt.

4. **AMHERST and AURORA.** This point has been without constant supply for some time. A pastor has been engaged, and he will be ordained soon.

5. **ANDOVER.** Under the lead of Rev. Chas. Dame, good advance has been made. The broken bell has been replaced by one of Meneeley's best, of 1806 lbs. weight; one of Estey's fine toned organs has been purchased; and all is paid. The congregation on the Sabbath is growing larger, and a deeper interest begins to be felt in public worship.

6. **ANSON SOUTH.** After two years of union with the Baptist church, the Congregationalists have a supply, and the Baptist friends unite with them. Might there not be more of this reciprocity?

7. **AUBURN WEST.** This church has felt it to be necessary to apply for missionary aid, and the Rev. J. S. Batchelder is now the acting pastor, giving a part of his time to West Minot.

8. **BANGOR EAST, and ESSEX ST.** These points have been supplied together the most of the time for the year. They are always interested in preaching, and in social worship.

10. **BELFAST, NORTH.** Rev. Wooster Parker did good service here for several weeks. Things seem discouraging, but by divine help light may break in soon. We hope to make a more favorable report in time to come.

11. BENTON. Rev. G. W. Jones, of Winslow, has supplied connection with that place. The church has been somewhat aged since their pastor left them, but hope begins to prevail again.

12. BINGHAM. This is an important point, and there is permanent supply here. It is the key to a wide region, which is destitute.

13. BROOKSVILLE and SEDGWICK. The reports give little to do here.

14. BROWNFIELD. The pastor says, "Meetings have been attended as any in town. I have been giving lectures to young men on Sunday evenings, for the past few weeks, at which there have been many present as at the day-service." Several of the aged and expected members have died in the faith.

15. CARIBOU. Mr. Whidden closed his labors in June. The church will not be left vacant. A house of worship is now needed in the place of anything else.

16. CASCO. Rev. L. H. Libby has supplied at Otisfield during the time. His labors close with the current year.

17. CHERRYFIELD and STEUBEN. Six additions are reported to the church in the loss of the Clerk, Mr. Arthur R. Willard, aged of thirty-eight. At Steuben, the pastor supplies every morning, and superintends the Sunday school. At Cherryfield, he preaches and leads a Bible-class in the afternoon. In the summer he rides five miles in the evening, and holds a service in a school-house. A chapel is to be built next year, and as soon as it can be done.

18. CORNISH and HIRAM. The work upon this circuit has been satisfactory. Eighteen conversions are reported, and they have added strength to the churches. The report says, "At Cornish, repairs are being made to rebuild the tower, shingle the roof, and repair the church. A Sunday afternoon meeting is sustained by members of the church, in a school-house, several miles from the church, with a good attendance."

19. DEER ISLE, NORTH and SOUTH. Rev. Hiram Houston has supplied these points alternately, preaching, also sometimes, at West Isles. He is doing good, and is abundant in his sacrificing work.

20. DENMARK. Mr. Mann, of New Haven, supplied during the winter vacation. Rev. W. B. Hague, of So. Bridgton, favored them with frequent supplies for some time; and Mr. Minnis, of Bangor, is now upon the ground.

21. **DEXTER.** Rev. T. M. Davies has supplied since December, and it is hoped that he may be retained for next year. The debt upon the church building is a great burden, but the interest has been paid and the principal has been lessened \$100. This struggling church needs the sympathy of all Congregational friends.

22. **DIXMONT and PLYMOUTH, and JACKSON and BROOKS.** This circuit is too large for one man, but there has been no other way than to supply as best we could. Rev. W. G. Wade has labored faithfully, and has given general satisfaction.

23. **DURHAM and POWNAL.** This union works favorably; advance is made, and the pastor is held in high favor.

24. **EDGECOMB NORTH.** The chief item of interest is the completion and dedication of the new church. It is a beautiful structure, and the debt remaining is only about \$300—which will be canceled in due time. The “Spiritual Songs for Social Worship,” have been introduced, and are giving excellent satisfaction.

25. **ELLIOT.** The people are enjoying their new meeting-house, and vestry rooms, and all seems more promising.

26. **FARMINGTON FALLS.** The work has gone on for the year, very much as usual. It is to be regretted that the pastor closes his labors with the year.

27. **FORT FAIRFIELD.** Rev. E. P. Eastman came from Ossipee, N. H., to this place, the first of January for a year, and there is the hope that he may prove to be the man for a permanent pastor.

28. **FREEDOM.** Rev. J. A. Jones did good service here during the summer of 1881; and Mr. Jerome, of Auburn Seminary, N. Y., is there for the vacation of 1882.

29. **GARLAND.** This church has been blessed with a gracious revival among the children and youth of the Sunday-school. Nine have united with the church, and others are to come. The pastor says of them, “All these, with two or three exceptions, are in the morning of life, between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. They are my spiritual grandchildren. Their fathers and mothers, I married, baptized, and received into the church, years ago. I love them as no other minister can love them.”

30. **GILEAD.** A temporary parsonage has been secured for the pastor, for four years. The pastor says, “I am confident that the church is in better working condition at present than it has been since I came here; I can only hope that we are on the eve of better things.”

31. GRAY. A strong effort is put forth to retain the pastor for another year; and it is confidently hoped that he will remain.

32. HARRISON. "The church is united, and using faithfully the means of grace, and growing as Christians. The attendance on the Sabbath is not so great as before the *third* Society opened their meetings."

33. HOLDEN and DEDHAM, have been supplied from Bangor Seminary. This field needs the constant care of a permanent pastor.

34. HOULTON. Rev. B. P. SNOW has left his people in Alfred, to take this important church. It is at much sacrifice on his part, but we feel sure he will see the work prosper in his hands. Already he is winning the confidence of the people. He is laying plans for permanent work, one part of which is the securing of a chapel near the church building, which is now in the center of the town.

35. JONESPORT. We hope to place a pastor here soon. The church at JONESBORO seems to be extinct, but a desire is expressed on the part of some, that efforts should be made to give the people good preaching. A student is to carry the place for the season, and then we can judge better as to the future. The people raised \$50, and Jos. Sweetser, Esq., a former member, aids to the same amount.

37. LIMINGTON. This seems to be one of the prosperous points for the year. Improvements have been made upon the meeting house. A pastor has been ordained and installed; an interesting revival has been in progress, and thirteen have united with the church. Mr. Pitts supplies East Baldwin a part of each Sabbath.

38. LINCOLN. No great advance has been made, or can well be expected here, till there can be a permanent ministry in some form; still matters are kept along by a partial supply from the Seminary.

39. LITCHFIELD. The pastor says, "Of our church members reported as resident members, four are considerably more than four-score and quite infirm. Three, because of their locality, find it convenient to worship with a Free Baptist church in an adjoining town; and eight are absent most of the time. There are members of this church in only sixteen families.

41. LOVELL and SWEDEN. The report shows that continued and vigorous work has been done by the pastor. He has usually preached three times each Sabbath, besides teaching a Bible class. To reach all the points it has cost him twenty miles ride on the Sabbath. The usual difficulties and pleasures came in by the way.

42. **MACHIASPORT, MARSHFIELD and WHITNEYVILLE.** This large circuit has been carried well by Rev. R. H. McGown.

43. **MADISON.** The pastor reports, "The congregation is being increased by the enlargement of the place, and the Sabbath school is correspondingly increased. The prospect seems favorable in this respect. Some of our old church members are coming back to us." A large woolen factory built and started within the year, promises growth, and corresponding importance.

45. **MADISON EAST.** This little church has been supplied satisfactorily, by Rev. O. J. Hancock, of Skowhegan.

46. **MERCER.** This is a small church, but its members are united, and Mr. Chutter reports seven conversions. On the whole, there is ground for encouragement. Mr. Chutter supplies at Riverside half the time, and the interest is such, they desire his services for all the time next year.

47. **MILFORD.** Rev. H. A. Freeman, of Oldtown, continues to lead here, and there is encouragement. A chapel will probably be built before long, and we hope a church may be formed. The report says, "The present growth and prospects, I think, demands the attention of the Maine Missionary Society."

48. **MILLBRIDGE.** This is a new field, and has been worked vigorously by Rev. E. L. Walbridge. The future must develope results here.

50. **MONMOUTH.** A pastor has been called, and he is now with them and laboring satisfactorily.

51. **MONSON.** Rev. J. B. Hawes has closed his work, and is now connected with Bangor Seminary. Mr. Mann, late of New Haven Seminary, is now supplying, and the hope is that he will become the pastor.

52. **NEWFIELD WEST.** Rev. J. Edwards has resigned, to take an important mission in Pennsylvania. The church will be supplied as soon as the man can be found.

53. **NEW VINEYARD.** The interest is not well sustained here. We hope for better days.

54. **NORTHFIELD.** This place has had only the usual vacation supply.

55. **OXFORD.** Rev. F. E. Emrich, who has carried this church for the last two years, is called to Chicago. It should not be left unsupplied very long.

56. **PATTEN and ISLAND FALLS.** These churches have been fortunate in having the services of Mr. Stearns for the past year. He has been most faithful, and the people have been well satisfied in all respects.

57. **PEMBROKE.** Mr. Todd of Bangor Seminary, supplied for the vacation of 1881, since which time the people have joined in worship with the Methodists. Mr. Todd has failed in health, and is disappointed in his hopes of entering the ministry.

58. **PHILLIPS.** Good work has been done here for the past year. Both pastor and church have sacrificed continually, and labored under difficulties. Nine additions are recorded. Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, will continue his labors for the present.

59. **PITSTON.** The people are sad at the loss of their pastor, who has gone to Wyoming Territory for larger missionary work. We hope they will be supplied soon.

61. **PRESQUE ISLE.** The church was left without a pastor, in February, by the sudden death of Rev. W. S. Kimball. The meeting-house is undergoing thorough repairs, and it is very desirable to supply the place at once.

62. **PRINCETON and WAITE.** The pastor reports that the Sunday-school is increasing, as also is the regular attendance on the preaching service. Monthly missionary meetings are held, and a full set of maps adds interest to the meetings. A full supply of "Spiritual Songs" for the choir and Sunday school, and other books, have been bought and paid for within the year. A copy of the American Messenger has been put into each Congregational family, and every child has had a Sunday school paper. The total cost was about \$100. We like such practical work; it will tell for good.

63. **ROBBINSTON and RED BEACH.** Rev. D. E. Smith has supplied this people since January 1. He is commissioned to January, 1883.

64. **RUMFORD.** Four hopeful conversions, and five additions to the church, are reported. Mr. Donnell labored faithfully, and did good.

65. **SANFORD and SO. SANFORD.** Four additions are reported for Sanford, and there has been the ordinary prosperity. The place is growing in business importance, and must increase in population. The pastor is the editor of a weekly journal, which is considered to be of value to the business community. South Sanford is not so hopeful, and does not ask to be supplied the coming year. If the community would rise to the importance of gospel privileges, there are people enough to support preaching once each Sabbath.



66. **SHERMAN and VICINITY.** Rev. Mr. Bumpus has been ordained. All are interested in his labors. Seven have been added to the church, and there is encouragement for the time to come.

67. **STANDISH.** The pastor has closed his labors here, and gone to Connecticut. Mr. Whidden, of Caribou, has supplied a few Sabbaths, and it is hoped that he may be secured permanently.

68. **OLON and NORTH NEW PORTLAND.** This circuit has been carried very satisfactorily by Rev. R. M. Peacock.

69. **SOMESVILLE and TREMONT.** Rev. A. W. Jones continues to labor here. The territory is too extensive, and there should be two pastors to do the work demanded of one. The pastor was afflicted in the early part of the year, by the death of his eldest son.

70. **SANDY POINT.** The weakening of this excellent church by removals and death, has made it necessary to apply for missionary aid. This is one of the three churches springing from the old Prospect church under Dr. Thurston's ministry; a better record can not be shown.

71. **STRONG.** Rev. J. L. Pratt has given up his charge, to engage in literary work for a time. Nine have been added to the church as the fruits of an interest under the labors of Mr. Wilder.

72. **STOWE and CHATHAM.** Mr. Pike did good service for three months. Rev. Henry Farrar is there for the present.

73. **TURNER.** Rev. E. S. Tingley has closed his labors, and the church goers are anxious for a minister at once

74. **UNION and WASHINGTON.** Pastor Norcross has become a part of the whole community around Union. This, his only pastorate, has been eminently successful. Such examples show that a minister may grow old in a place, and retain his vigor and usefulness.

75. **WHITING.** Mr. Williams, of Bangor Seminary, gave good satisfaction in his work during the summer of 1881. The place is not supplied this year.

76. **WILTON and TEMPLE.** Rev. A. G. Fitz has done faithful service here. It is no easy task to work two churches so far apart. The church at Wilton mourns the loss of its excellent Dea. Seth Bass. On his dying bed, he gave \$500 in hand to the Maine Missionary Society, besides donations to other objects. Six additions were reported for the Temple church, and two for the Wilton church.

77. **WINDHAM.** Rev. Luther Wiswall continues to occupy this field, which has enjoyed his valuable services for so many years.

79. **WOOLWICH.** Lights and shadows prevail here, but they are "still pursuing." Pastor Thayer is getting the reputation of being one of the abiding ministers.

80. **YORK, SECOND.** The health of the pastor is quite firm again, and he is now able to perform his work easily.

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#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Eighty-nine churches have been aided during the year, and several important missions have been sustained where no churches exist. In working these fields, eighty-eight men have been employed; fifty-seven of these are ordained ministers, fourteen of whom served as pastors; thirty-seven as acting pastors, and six for a few weeks each; and thirty-one are young men, who have served, four of them constantly in churches, and twenty-seven during vacation time. The aggregate of labor performed by these men is fifty-seven and one-half years, an increase of five upon the previous year. The average attendance at Sabbath services, is returned as seven thousand three hundred and sixteen; at the Sunday School as five thousand four hundred and fifty-seven; and at the weekly prayer-meeting as one thousand six hundred and nineteen.

Four men have been ordained during the year, and are still laboring in the State.

The churches have a membership of one thousand three hundred and ninety-six males, and two thousand eight hundred and sixty-six females, giving a total of four thousand two hundred and sixty-two. The conversions reported are one hundred and seventy-five, ten less than the previous year; and the additions are, by profession one hundred and two, by letter fifty-eight, making a total of one hundred and sixty, an increase of forty over the last report. The average grant to churches having constant supply, is \$112. The average salary is \$588, which is an advance of about twenty dollars upon the previous report. Twenty of these churches return available funds to the amount of \$22,730, and twenty-three have parsonages, sixteen of which are rented at \$50 or \$100 each, and the others are not reckoned in the salaries returned. The contributions, so far as obtained, are, for the Maine Missionary Society \$1,038.49, and for other objects \$715.32. Of the places aided last year, Auburn Sixth Street, has become self-supporting; Topsfield and Weld have united with others in their services; Kenduskeag has paid its supply from Bangor Seminary; and Burlington, Industry, Sidney, Isle au Haut, and Shirley, have been without supply. The Bur-

lington church, however, has finished a neat and commodious house of worship, and it hopes soon to have a pastor. Edgcomb has dedicated a beautiful meeting-house, nearly free from debt. Presque Isle is making a thorough renovation of its house; and several churches have made important changes and improvements.

### THE TREASURY.

First of all, let us record a grateful tribute of respect to our late Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., who was taken from earth to heaven so soon after he had passed the books and the funds of the treasury to another. Peaceful be his rest, and rich his reward.

The financial trusts have fallen into skillful hands, and we feel confident that no detriment will come while the present Treasurer holds the keys of office.

It is gratifying to make so good a showing as the following:

Receipts from churches and individuals,	\$6,165 13
" " the Woman's Miss. Auxiliary,	1,495 00
" " legacies,	11,810 00
" " income of fund,	2,909 67
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	\$22,379 80

On each quarter-day there has been sufficient in the treasury to pay all orders due, and, what has never been done before, we believe, all indebtedness to the end of the current year, was paid early in June.

All will rejoice that the chronic cry, "the debt," is no more heard in our churches, and that our faithful and deserving missionary pastors need not wait a day for their appropriations. There has been no opportunity for the year to make "an earnest appeal through the Mirror," or for "a special circular" urging larger contributions. Now let the churches take pride in keeping the Society absolutely free from debt.

But in this hour of joy permit us, by way of caution, to say that there is danger of overestimating the value of the large legacies that have lately come to the Society from kind friends. We urge all not to withhold any part of their ordinary contributions. It is no time to do this now. The work of our pioneer Society is not yet accomplished. Maine is not a heathen State;—but it is a growing State; and there is abundance of room for enlargement. All the evangelical denominations make large outlay of money and strength; and yet,—taking things as they are,—there is a call for more churches, or *better* churches—and for more

men. Let a Christian man traverse the State, and abide over Sunday in certain localities, and he will feel sure that the missionary is still needed.

One writes, under date of May 30, 1882; "There are one hundred and fifty families on farms within *three* miles of this place, who do not attend meeting on the Sabbath. There are seventy families within *two* miles of the meeting house. From these homes not more than ten men attend worship on the Sabbath, anywhere. Special attraction, or a funeral, will bring out a few of the stay-at-homes. It is indifference, rather than opposition, with the younger portion of the community. We have a Sunday School of about a dozen—but no other Sunday exercises. There is not any prospect of a minister."

From the annual report of the Trustees of the Maine Bible Society, these startling facts are gleaned—that out of five thousand six hundred and fifty-eight families visited by the agent during ten months, three hundred and eleven were found to be destitute of the Bible, and were supplied therewith; that of the five thousand six hundred and fifty-eight families, three thousand one hundred and fifty-two, or more than half, were non-church goers; that two thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight children did not attend Sunday school; and that one girl in a Maine city, who attends a grammar school, has never heard a religious service, or even a prayer in all her life.

If these things are so, duty is plain and pressing. Some of these points should be selected, and good earnest Christian workers should be put down to abide. Their salaries should be assumed, and their surroundings should be made comfortable and pleasant; and then they could be expected to labor with might and strength for the saving of these communities. It is not easy to see why all the sacrifice and all the suffering, should be demanded of the men and their families, who undertake the thankless task of lifting a community to a higher and a better way of living, and of leading men, women, and children into the kingdom of Christ.

To accomplish such work in Maine, the churches must give, and increase in giving, and follow their gifts with their prayers, and oftentimes with their presence, and moral encouragement. So, while we rejoice we plead—while we thank God and take courage, we will not forget the responsibility resting upon the churches not to let slip the favorable opportunity now offered for evangelizing Maine.

## WHENCE THE MEN?

Permit us to say a word as to the need of men for the missionary field. It is difficult to supply our fields as they should be filled. For several years the graduates of Bangor Seminary have been willing to settle in Maine, and they have done good services in the churches. But covetous eyes are upon them from the first, and soon, some agent from New Hampshire, or Colorado, or the Pacific, tampers with them, and they are lost to Maine forever. It is hard to fill the places of such men. Of late it has been necessary to say to several churches needing pastors, "Not an available man is left at the Seminary." An appeal to the Middle and Senior classes of Andover Seminary, brought this response: "There is not a man to be obtained—all who will preach are engaged." With vacant churches pleading for pastors—with the destitute communities in need of earnest, and consecrated, and self-denying men, it becomes a grave question, whence will they come? The need must and will drive the churches to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the vineyard—and must lead parents to consecrate their sons to the ministry, and to encourage them to enter it—and must lead Christian young men to give up more promising prospects, for the self-sacrificing work of the ministry.

For years to come, Maine must look largely to Bangor Seminary for her Congregational ministers. She can care for all the good men who will come; and out of the right stock, she can make first class ministers—good enough for Boston, Brooklyn, or Chicago—so they decide for themselves!

## GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.

At the last annual meeting, a special committee was appointed to secure the services of one or more General Missionary, as soon as suitable men could be found. The efforts of that committee have not been successful. One was considered as engaged in August, but Providence compelled him to change his plans, and he went West. In the early spring, another was found ready to try the work for the balance of the year; but Providence again interfered, and rendered it impossible for him to serve. In January, Mr. G. M. Sanborn, of the Y. M. C. Association, Mass., was engaged to labor three months as the Trustees might direct. He was sent to Abbot, and subsequently to Monson and vicinity, and his labors were peculiarly blessed, both in conversions, and in addition to the churches. He is re-engaged for several months longer, and is now

giving his time to Abbot and vicinity. Rev. Mr. Ross, also, is under commission for seven months from May, to labor in the Magalloway district, being directed and aided by W. W. Brown, Esq., of Portland, who is interested in that region. It is expected, also, that Rev. Mr. Underwood, a well known evangelist, will labor in some of the mission churches a few months after the first of July. It will be seen, therefore, that the plan of employing special agents for the general work, has not been abandoned, but that we are following the lead of Providence, and doing what is possible under the circumstances.

#### PROGRESS.

While there has been progress in the external affairs of the churches, it cannot be concealed that in religious interest, and the gathering of members, the report is not cheering. The additions by profession, average about one to an aided church. Those repeating ciphers in the lines for conversions and additions, are painfully suggestive! Spiritually, it is one of those years when churches of all names in our State, fail of enlargement. If there be "a set time to favor Zion," then we should not mourn, for it will come: yet who knows how much rests with Christians themselves, in the use of means employed, or in the neglect of efforts?

But we have not been left without the witness of the Spirit. Some of the churches have rejoiced in its special presence. Abbot reports ten conversions and eight additions. Cornish notes thirteen conversions; and Hiram its yoke-fellow, gives five conversions. Dixmont and Plymouth mentions ten conversions and ten additions, though nine of these were by letter; and Jackson and Brooks, of the same circuit, returns five conversions. Casco reports six additions, and Cherryfield the same number. Garland speaks of a precious work of grace, mainly within the Sunday school, which resulted in twelve conversions and nine additions. Limington rejoices in a pastor ordained, the refitting of the church buildings, and a revival which gave fourteen conversions and thirteen additions. Mercer mentions seven conversions, and Millbridge fifteen; and Monson nine, with six additions; and Patten seven; and Phillips four, with nine additions; and Rumford four, with five additions; and Sherman two, with seven additions; and Temple six additions by profession. Others report two or three conversions or additions each, but only in the ordinary work. These "few mercy drops" should encourage to go forward, in expectation that the word preached and the means used will bear rich and abundant fruit.

## WHAT NEXT?

Seventy-five years of history is now accomplished. Grand results are already recorded. The District of Maine has become the State of Maine. Her two hundred and five thousand inhabitants are now about six hundred and fifty thousand. Our eighty-seven Congregational churches are now two hundred and forty-one. The number of Congregational ministers has gone from sixty to one hundred and ninety-one. The one missionary of the first year, employed for eight weeks in Kennebec County, has increased to eighty-eight for fifty-seven years of service. The \$174,000 of contributions reported for the second year, has arisen to \$22,379.80, of contributions, legacies, and income for the current year. Hundreds will have reason to bless the Maine Missionary Society forever.

Now what is to follow? It is evident that the work of the Society is not yet accomplished, and cannot be for years to come. Some of the younger brethren will witness its centennial, while it is yet in its prime and vigor. There is much religious destitution in Maine. The twenty-six unsupplied and very weak Congregational churches, do not necessarily imply this, for Congregationalism might be weak in these places, while yet they were supplied with all the means of grace. In view of all the ministerial labor put forth upon Maine, there should be no destitution in the State. There are churches enough in number, and preachers enough constantly at work to afford religious teaching for every town and community; but the men and the means are not economically used. So long as it takes four churches to satisfy the peculiarities of one thousand people, and four ministers must be paid or starved, and one-half of all these salaries must come from the Missionary Societies, there will be both a destitution of good men, and places entirely neglected. It should not be so; but all names strike for important points.—(every point seems to be important where another works vigorously and successfully.)—watch with jealous eyes, and hold *together* what would be occupied better by one or two organizations; while all alike stay away from and neglect the small, the scattered, the destitute communities. Could the eight hundred evangelical ministers be properly distributed, there would be one minister for each eight hundred inhabitants of the State. But this is not the condition of things at present. Some communities have four ministers for seventeen hundred people, and some have none, being literally “as sheep without a shepherd.” We know that Congregationalists are not above criticism in this matter, and we will not cast

stones ; yet we do lament the fact, and would have it otherwise. What shall we all "see eye to eye," and regard the glory of God above the increase of a denomination?

But here is the destitution ; and the open question must still be raised, and will not down at our bidding, how can this destitution be supplied—how can these waste places be cultivated, and made fruitful to our Lord?

We believe that the Maine Missionary Society is called for the next twenty-five years, to strike at this destitution, and thus do a legitimate missionary work. We believe that men and means should be consecrated to this work, and that it should be persistently followed to results. We believe that the divine blessing will attend such a plan and such labor, and that we shall soon see the present missionary churches become self sustaining, and new missionary churches spring into existence in all the newer sections of our grand and growing commonwealth. "According to your faith be it unto you," is the divine promise.

In behalf of the Trustees.

J. E. ADAMS,

*Secretary.*



# Reports of Maine Missionary Society,

From June 14, 1861, to June 8, 1862.

.....	\$22 45	Brunswick.....	\$188 00
.....	34 72	Mrs. Johnson.....	5 00
.....	14 00	Bucksport, Elm St.....	110 00
.....	17 55	Dea. Eels.....	2 00
nd Aurora.....	5 00	Casco.....	10 00
.....	5 00	Calais First Ch. and Soc...	68 00
Conference.....	6 00	Castine, Trinitarian.....	15 00
ixth St.....	7 46	Mrs. Adams.....	10 00
St.....	200 00	Cherryfield.....	13 50
.....	1 00	Cornish.....	9 00
South Cong'l.....	49 25	Rev. W. Crowell.....	1 40
'irst.....	183 88	Cumberland.....	37 00
ond St.....	170 00	Cumberland Mills... ..	50 28
al Sab. Sch.....	15 84	Deer Isle First.....	10 50
.....	3 00	Second.....	7 55
ral Ch.....	114 70	Dedham.....	4 00
ter St.....	275 96	Dennysville.....	36 13
rial.....	20 00	Mr. Eastman... ..	4 00
Harwood.....	100 00	Dixfield... ..	2 00
.....	108 82	Durham.....	3 60
.....	6 00	Edgecomb.....	25 00
st Ch.....	5 00	Elliot.....	15 00
d.....	10 00	Ellsworth.....	198 59
Second.....	38 06	Falmouth First.....	32 00
Sunday School..	13 00	Farmington.....	42 72
Second Ch.....	45 00	H. Holt, Esq.....	100 00
Fisher....	25 00	J. P. Thwing.....	20 00
.....	6 00	Farmington Falls.....	9 24
l.....	5 00	Fort Fairfield.....	1 00
rat.....	14 25	Gardiner.....	37 26
Sabbath School..	10 00	Garland.....	21 00
Hardy.....	20 00	Gorham.....	132 70
e.....	3 50	Mrs. Tyler.....	20 00
First.....	12 75	Gray.....	24 25
.....	5 00	Greenville.....	24 00
.....	15 00	Sabbath School.....	14 00
.....	17 50	Hallowell.....	110 28
l.....	13 00	Mrs. Dummer.....	45 00
.....	16 50	Harpeswell.....	15 35

Harrison .....	\$5 60	Robbinston .....	\$1
Houlton .....	20 00	Rockland .....	3
Island Falls .....	9 11	Rumford .....	
Jackson .....	12 00	Saco First .....	1
Kennebunk Union .....	40 80	Sandy Point First .....	1
Kennebunkport First .....	28 25	Scarboro, Rev. H. G. Storer ..	2
South .....	18 30	Searsport First .....	4
Lebanon .....	14 25	J. C. Beals .....	2
Lewiston Pine St. ....	46 63	Searsport Second .....	2
Limington .....	8 13	Shapleigh .....	
Lincoln .....	2 53	Sherman Mills .....	
Litchfield Corner .....	27 00	Selon .....	
Lovell .....	6 19	Somesville .....	5
Lyman .....	5 43	South Berwick .....	7
Machias Center .....	21 89	South Paris .....	3
Machiasport .....	5 10	St. Albans .....	
Madison .....	35 00	Standish .....	1
East .....	1 00	Steuben .....	
Marshfield .....	5 00	Stow and Chatham .....	
Mercer .....	13 00	State Conference .....	10
Minot Center .....	7 75	Sumner .....	
Monmouth .....	21 00	Sweden .....	
Monson .....	15 00	Temple .....	1
Mt. Desert .....	5 00	Topsham .....	
Newcastle, Second .....	23 00	Tremont .....	2
New Gloucester .....	114 13	Union .....	1
New Sharon .....	10 39	Union Conference .....	1
Norridgewock .....	77 57	Waldoboro .....	
North Anson .....	5 00	Warren .....	1
North Yarmouth .....	9 75	Washington .....	
Orland, Mrs. Buck .....	30 00	Waterford First .....	
Oldtown .....	5 00	Second .....	
Orono .....	21 72	Waterville .....	2
Otisfield .....	9 50	Weld .....	
Oxford Conference .....	18 50	West Newfield .....	1
Pembroke .....	7 00	Wells .....	1
Perry, Mr. Davis .....	2 00	A friend .....	2
Phippsburg .....	17 00	Wilton .....	4
Pittston .....	8 37	Miss A. Perham .....	
Portland, High St .....	284 72	Wilton East .....	
State St. ....	165 00	Winterport .....	
Mrs. Conant .....	10 00	Wiscasset .....	
Second .....	63 27	Whitneyville .....	
Plymouth .....	52 00	Windham .....	
Williston .....	225 00	Woodford's .....	
Miss Merrill .....	5 00	Woolwich .....	
St. Lawrence St .....	8 78	Yarmouth First .....	
Lady .....	75	Central Ch. and Soc. ....	
Pownal .....	9 45	York First .....	
Princeton .....	25 00	Second .....	
Red Beach .....	18 00	York Conference .....	
Richmond .....	20 00		

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 \$5,6

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

195

## Receipts from Persons residing in other States.

ton, Miss Benson.....	\$20 00
dford, Mass., Mrs. Johnson .....	10 00
cago Ill., Rev. Jotham Sewall .....	5 00
dwich Islands, J. Henry Davis.....	10 00
rochester, Mass., Rev. H. T. Cheever .....	40 00

————— \$85 00

## Woman's Auxiliary to M. M. Society.

Howell, Woman's Auxiliary .....	\$20 50
nan, Woman's Auxiliary .....	8 42
ddoboro, Ladies' Mission .....	18 00
ills, Cent Society .....	17 75
ndham, Cent Society .....	15 00
s. J. L. Crosby, Treasurer to May 20.....	1100 00
May 25.....	125 00
May 29.....	25 33
May 30.....	100 00
June 10.....	70 00

————— \$1495 00

r. J. E. Adams, for preaching .....	47 00
h bond paid. ....	500 00

## Subscriptions to Debt.

urn, High St. ....	\$50 00
gor, Prof. J. S. Sewall.....	10 00
gor, Prof. L. F. Stearns.....	10 00
gor, Prof. L. L. Paine .....	10 00
gor, Jos. S. Wheelwright, Esq. ....	50 00
sport, Elm St.....	80 23
iston, Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman .....	50 00
land, Wm. W. Thomas, Esq.....	50 00
land, Wm. W. Brown, Esq.....	50 00
land, D. W. Clark, Esq.....	50 00

————— \$410 23

## Legacies.

in Kittredge, M. D., Mt. Desert .....	\$300 00
. Balkam, Lewiston.....	354 00
. Seth Bass, Wilton.....	500 00
. John C. Brooks, Portland .....	4,000 00
. Susan J. Robinson, Thomaston.....	150 00
. Lee Maxwell, Wells.....	6 00
. David Patten, Portland .....	300 00
. Clapp, Jr., Bath .....	6,000 00
od, Winterport .....	100 00
Sally Eldridge, Solon.....	100 00

————— \$11810 00

## Income Receipts.

estate of Mrs. Sally Eldridge .....	\$13 00
estate of Fildeld.....	135 17

## Dividends from Stocks in National Banks, &amp;c.

Cumberland, Portland.....	\$108 00
First National, Portland.....	110 00
Canal, Portland.....	520 00
Casco, Portland .....	340 00
Manufacturers and Traders, Portland.....	200 00
Medomak, Waldeboro .....	21 00
Ocean, Kennebunk .....	12 00
Skowhegan First .....	4 00
State, Boston.....	18 00
Mechants, Boston.....	30 00
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Portland, Saco and Portsmouth R. R.....	\$24 00
Boston and Maine R. R .....	132 00
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Pepperel Manufacturing Co.....	\$69 00
Lewiston Falls Mfg. Co .....	175 00
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Portland and Ogdensburg R. R. bonds, int.....	\$120 00
Andros. and Kennebec R. R. bonds, int.....	72 00
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City of Portland, R. R. bonds, int .....	\$60 00
Bath R. R. bonds, int.....	165 00
Rockland R. R. bonds, int. ....	36 00
St. Louis R. R. bonds, int. ....	90 00
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Interest on notes secured by mortgage .....	\$275 00
Interest on notes City of Bangor.....	136 50
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Dividend on deposits Bangor Savings Bank.....	\$40 00
Penobscot Savings Bank.....	10 00
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	\$2

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*JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer, in account*

Dr.

1881.

June 13.—To balance on hand as per account rendered

by Joshua Maxwell, Treasurer. .... \$1,911 3

1882.

Feb. 27.—Amount rec'd from Mrs. Harriet Maxwell, Adm'r \$147 00

In contributions, less part accounted for below.....25 00  
\$122 00

June 12.—Contributions from churches and individuals, from

June 13, 1881, to date ..... \$5,669 1

Same, for debt..... 410 5

Same, from Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary... 1,495 0

Same, from persons residing out of State ..... 85 1

Legacies ..... 11,810 0

Income from investments ..... 2,909 0

Bond of City of Bath, matured..... 500 0

Received from J. E. Adams, Secretary, for amount received by him for preaching . . . . . 47 0

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\$24,960 14

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Respectfully submitted.

BANGOR, June 12, 1882.

JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer.

REPORT.

with *MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,*

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1882.

June 12.—By payments on Trustees' orders, viz:

For Missionaries in full to July 1, 1882 .....	\$10,845 00
Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, balance due him	
July 1, 1881 .....	249 88
Same, annual salary to July 1, 1882 .....	1,500 00
Same, for travelling expenses .....	196 31
Same, for postage, stationery, etc. ....	67 28
Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for postage, etc. ....	2 87
Mrs. Harriet Maxwell, Adm'x, for compensation	
to Joshua Maxwell, Treasurer ....	300 00
John L. Crosby, annual salary to June 13, 1882 .....	200 00
Same for postage, printing, and sundry expenses.....	61 71
D. Bugbee & Co., Bangor, for blank books ..	13 00
John H. Bacon, Bangor, for printing Annual Report...	56 00
Annuity from Sewall fund to Mrs. N. S. Bourne.....	208 00
Annuity to Jackson and Brooks church, from	
trust fund .....	30 00
Same to Albany church .....	25 00
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	\$13,755 05

Investments made, viz:

Two shares Manufacturers National Bank, Lewiston...	\$215 00
One share First National Bank, Skowhegan .....	100 00
City of Bangor, note due October 30, 1882 .....	6,000 00
Deposit in Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor....	3,500 00
Deposit in Penobscot Savings Bank, Bangor.....	1,000 00
Balance on hand in Second National Bank, Bangor ....	390 00
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	\$24,960 14

BANGOR, June, 15, 1882.

Having examined the foregoing account, we find it correctly stated and properly vouched.

W. S. DENNETT, }  
B. B. THATCHER, } AUDITORS.

# APPENDIX.

## Receipts and Expenditures by Conferences.

	Contributed.	Exp
Aroostook Conference,	\$50 11 .	\$1.
Cumberland Conference,	1,449 33	
Cumberland North Conference,	982 69	
Franklin Conference,	293 15	
Hancock Conference,	579 87	
Kennebec Conference,	440 59	
Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference,	868 01	
Oxford Conference,	106 64	
Penobscot Conference.	846 02	
Piscataquis Conference	235 75	
Somerset Conference,	187 17	
Union Conference,	232 75	
Waldo Conference,	333 78	
Washington Conference,	415 07	
York Conference,	575 33	
	<hr/> \$7,596 26	<hr/> \$9.

## Receipts for Seventy-Five Years.

The whole amount of money coming into the treasury of this Society the last seventy-five years has been, \$628,639.39. Dividing the seven years into seven and one-half equal periods, it is found that the receipt been as follows :

First period,	\$8,415 32	Annual average,	\$
Second, "	21,746 79	" "	2.
Third, "	56,088 13	" "	5.
Fourth, "	70,735 06	" "	7.
Fifth, "	120,612 36	" "	12.
Sixth, "	118,548 60	" "	11.
Seventh, "	151,913 50	" "	15.
One-half, "	80,578 63	" "	16.

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\$628,639 39



## Paid for Pastoral Work, from July 1, 1861, to July 1, 1882.

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	PASTORS.	TIME.
Acton	\$150 00	Rev. Wm. S. Thompson	12 mos.
Andover	100 00	Rev. Charles Dame	12 "
Auburn, West	37 50	Rev. J. S. Batchelder	3 "
Benton	50 00	Rev. G. W. Jones	12 "
Brooksville and Sedgwick	150 00	Rev. H. B. Hart	12 "
Brownfield	100 00	Rev. E. S. Jordan	12 "
Carlbou and vicinity	317 00	Rev. R. S. Whidden	11 "
Casco	100 00	Rev. I. H. Libby	12 "
Cherryfield and Steuben	250 00	Rev. E. M. Cousins	12 "
Cornish and Hiram	200 00	Rev. Z. Crowell	12 "
Deer Isle, No. and So.	100 00	Rev. H. Houston	12 "
Dexter	146 00	Rev. T. M. Davies	7 "
Dixmont, Plymouth, Jackson, and Brooks	167 00	Rev. William G. Wade	10 "
Durham and Pownal	100 00	Rev. R. Wickett	12 "
Edgecomb	200 00	Rev. Charles G. Holyoke	12 "
Elliot	150 00	Rev. D. S. Hibbard	12 "
Farmington Falls	100 00	Rev. C. L. Rotch	12 "
Fort Fairfield	200 00	Rev. E. P. Eastman	6 "
Garland	100 00	Rev. P. B. Thayer	12 "
Gilead	100 00	Rev. T. P. Williams	12 "
Gray	75 00	Rev. E. Bean	12 "
Harrison	74 00	Rev. N. Lincoln	12 "
Houlton	401 00	Rev. B. P. Snow	10 "
Limington and Baldwin	100 00	Rev. E. T. Pitts	9 "
Litchfield	150 00	Rev. J. T. Hawes	12 "
Lovell and Sweden	100 00	Rev. L. Goodrich	12 "
Machiasport, Marshfield and Whitneyville	150 00	Rev. R. H. McGown	9 "
Madison	125 00	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	12 "
Madison East	50 00	Rev. O. J. Hancock	9 "
Mereer and Vassalboro	100 00	F. G. Chutter, <i>Lic.</i>	12 "
Monmouth	25 00	J. B. Carruthers, <i>Lic.</i>	3 "
Mon-on and Abbot	100 00	Rev. J. B. Hawes	6 "
Millbridge	100 00	Rev. E. L. Walbridge	12 "
Millford	100 00	Rev. H. E. Freeman	12 "
Newfield, West	150 00	Rev. J. Edwards	11 "
Oxford	65 00	Rev. F. E. Emrich	12 "
Patten and Island, Falls	300 00	G. W. Stearns, <i>Lic.</i>	12 "
Phillips	225 00	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	12 "
Pittston	200 00	Rev. D. L. Davis	12 "
Portland Fourth Church	50 00	Rev. J. G. Wilson	3 "
Presque Isle and Ma sville	337 50	*Rev. W. S. Kimball	7 "
Princeton and Waite	150 00	Rev. G. E. Chapin	12 "
Robbinston and Red Beach	100 00	Rev. E. D. Smith	6 "
Sanford and South Sanford	150 00	Rev. H. J. Stone	12 "
Sherman and Silver Ridge	300 00	Rev. I. C. Bumpus	12 "
Solon and North New Portland	150 00	Rev. R. M. Peacock	12 "
Somerville and Tremont	200 00	Rev. A. N. Jones	12 "
Standish and Baldwin	37 00	Rev. J. P. Trowbridge	34 "
Sandy Point	75 00	Rev. D. W. Hardy	9 "
Strong	110 00	E. S. Wilder, <i>Lic.</i>	94 "
Turner	75 00	Rev. E. S. Tingley	9 "

\*Deceased.

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	PASTORS.	TIME.
Union and Washington	\$200 00	Rev. F. V. Norcross	12 mos.
Wilton and Temple	219 00	Rev. A. G. Fitz	12 "
Windham	50 00	Rev. L. Wiswall	12 "
Woolwich	100 00	Rev. H. O. Thayer	12 "
York Second	125 00	Rev. Jos. Freeman	12 "

**Paid for Supply from July 1, 1881, to July 1, 1882.**

PLACES.	AMOUNT.	MEN.	TIME.
Abbot	\$ 16 00	G. N. Howard	2 mos.
	43 75	G. M. Sanborn	2 "
	24 75	J. D. Smiley	1 1/2 "
Albany	36 00	W. D. P. Bliss	2 1/2 "
	58 00	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	3 1/2 "
Amherst and Aurora	40 00	G. W. Johnson	2 1/2 "
	17 50	Wm. Haynes	1 1/2 "
Anson South	16 00	Rev. J. Dinsmore	3 "
Bangor West	52 00	R. J. Kyle	3 1/2 "
Bangor East	76 00	A. W. Main	8 "
Bangor Essex Street	44 00	Rev. J. B. Hawes	3 "
Belfast North	40 00	Rev. W. Parker	1 1/2 "
Bingham	42 00	T. F. McLeod	2 1/2 "
Deer Isle North	16 00	M. E. Churchill	1 "
Denmark	40 00	W. G. Mann	2 1/2 "
Dexter	49 50	F. A. Wilson	5 "
Freedom	44 00	Rev. J. A. Jones	2 1/2 "
	24 00	W. S. Jerome	1 1/2 "
Holden and Dedham	50 00	Wm. Haynes	8 "
Jackson and Brooks	20 00	Rev. E. T. Pitts	2 "
Jonesport and Jonesboro	12 00	O. G. McIntyre	2 "
Ligonla	12 00	J. A. Thomas	1 "
Lincoln	40 00	F. Newport	2 1/2 "
	40 00	W. Rand	2 1/2 "
Litchfield	30 00	Rev. H. S. Loring	3 "
Minot West	22 50	Rev. J. S. Cogswell	2 1/2 "
Monmouth	24 00	C. T. Hawes	1 1/2 "
Medway	41 00	E. H. Hackett	2 1/2 "
Monson	19 25	G. M. Sanborn	2 1/2 "
New Vineyard	32 00	W. Vaughn	2 "
Northfield	40 00	C. L. Skinner	2 1/2 "
Pembroke	36 00	J. W. Todd	2 1/2 "
Robbinston and Red Beach	49 00	C. J. Strang	2 "
Rumford	36 00	A. Donnell	2 1/2 "
Strong	40 00	R. W. Parker	1 1/2 "
Stow and Chatham	26 00	C. Pike	3 "
Van Buren	37 00	A. H. Pennell	2 "
Whiting	36 00	D. T. Williams	2 1/2 "

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

Schools and individuals have placed small amounts of money in the hands of the Secretary to be used at his discretion for Mission Schools. Also, boxes and bundles of second-hand books and papers have been sent to the schools.

Following is an account of the money received :

Central Church Sabbath-school, Bath,	\$19 50
First St. Church Sabbath-school, Camden,	10 00
Pratham Church Sabbath-school,	17 30
Miss E. A. Mosman, Lewiston,	5 00
Pratham Church Sabbath-school,	29 50
Pratham Church Sabbath-school,	7 87
Mrs. Thurston's Sabbath-school class, St. Lawrence Church, Portland,	2 10
	<hr/> \$91 27

### Disbursed as follows :

to Pittston Sabbath-school, papers,	\$5 00
to Medway Sabbath-school, papers,	3 00
to Medford Sabbath-school, papers,	5 00
to Gilead Sabbath-school, library,	10 00
to North Deer Isle Sabbath-school, papers,	5 40
to Whiting Sabbath-school, papers,	6 13
to Northfield Sabbath-school, papers,	4 05
to Jonesport Sabbath-school, papers,	5 00
to Whiting Sabbath-school, papers,	5 00
to Caribou Sabbath-school, papers,	5 00
to North Anson Sabbath-school, library,	10 00
to Howland Sabbath-school, papers,	5 00
	<hr/> \$70 58
Balance in fund,*	20 69
	<hr/> \$91 27

## MISSIONARY BOXES.

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary undertook the care of all missionary boxes. The following list will give an idea of what has been done in this during the past year.

Church, Portland, 1 box, valued	\$102 25
Church, Portland, 1 box, valued	100 00
Church, Portland, 1 box, valued	75 00
Church, Portland, 1 box, valued	65 00
Church, Portland, 1 box, valued	75 00
Second St., and Williston Churches, Portland, 1 box, valued	50 00
Church, Portland, cash, instead of box,	30 00
First St. Church, Bangor, 1 box, valued	54 00
and Dover, in Hammond Street box,	10 00
First Church, 1 box, valued	56 00
Swick Church, 1 box, valued	65 00
Seaside Aid Society, children,	10 00
	<hr/> \$692 25

by Mrs. W. E. Gould, Pres. of W. M. M. Auxiliary.

Balance was appropriated the 1st of July.

# View of Missionary Work for Seventy-five Years.

The following table has been prepared of the several churches that have been aided by the Society during these seventy-five years of its history. It marks the year when the church was taken up, the number of years aided, and the present number of members.

The number of years aided is based upon the report of Dr. Tappan, for the semi-centennial year. If since then, a church has been assisted for three months, at least, during any year, it is reckoned as one year.

The letter *a* is prefixed to those which are now receiving aid; and the letter *s* to those which have become self-supporting. Those which have become extinct, are marked *Ex* in the column of present members; and the most of those not marked will need assistance if supplied.

This list embraces two hundred and thirty-two churches of which ninety-three are still aided; sixty-five have become self-supporting; two have united with other churches; thirty-seven are not aided at the present time; and thirty-five have become extinct.

CHURCHES AIDED.	When taken up.	Years aided.	Present No.	CHURCHES AIDED.	When taken up.	Years aided.	Present No.
Abbot—old church,	1834	23	Ex	s. Belfast, First,	1823	18	10
a. Abbot Village,	1875	7	32	a. Belfast, North,	1846	26	2
a. Acton,	1825	29	54	a. Benton,	1821	33	54
a. Albany,	1828	54	45	s. Bethel, First,	1825	2	156
Albion,	1829	11	Ex	Biddeford, First,	1826	23	38
Alexander,	1851	15	Ex	s. Biddeford, Second,	1833	3	245
s. Alfred,	1816	9	108	a. Bingham,	1837	41	46
Alna,	1847	20	30	s. Blanchard,	1834	26	44
a. Amherst and Aurora,	1830	51	53	Bloomfield, united with			
a. Andover,	1824	43	74	Skowhegan,	1814	12	
a. Anson, South,	1829	42	34	Bradford,	1814	10	Ex
Athens,	1835	30	36	Bremen,	1832	8	8
Atkinson,	1851	7	4	s. Brewer,	1813	6	193
s. Auburn, Sixth St.,	1879	3	67	s. Brewer Village,	1846	4	193
a. Auburn, West,	1882	1	100	s. Bridgton,	1833	4	171
Augusta, North,	1832	5	Ex	s. Bridgton North,	1837	13	55
a. Baldwin and Sebago,	1821	14	36	s. Bristol, First and Second			
a. Bangor, East,	1879	3	46	united,	1811	23	61
Bath, Weeks St.,	1856	1	Ex	s. Boothbay, Second,	1863	3	70

CHURCHES AIDED.	When taken up.	Years aided.	Present No.	CHURCHES AIDED.	When taken up.	Years aided.	Present No.
a. Brooksville, East.	1826	35	26	Glenburn.		11	Ex
s. Brooksville, West.	1826	34	108	a. Gray.	1825	52	62
a. Brownfield.	1831	47	42	s. Greenville.	1851	19	47
s. Brownville.	1823	46	112	Guilford.	1835	15	Ex
a. Burlington.	1832	44	25	s. Hampden	1813	24	90
s. Buxton.	1817	4	98	s. Harp well.	1832	6	74
s. Buxton, North.	1852	23	41	a. Harrison.	1837	42	41
s. Calais.	1828	6	255	a. Hiram.	1839	29	19
s. Camden.	1817	6	128	Hodgdon and Linneus.	1845	14	Ex
s. Cape Elizabeth.	1829	15	62	a. Holden.	1866	10	65
s. Cape Elizabeth, Ligonis	1868	6	43	a. Houlton.	1831	38	50
a. Caribou.	1869	5	32	Industry.	1832	36	32
Carmel.	1850	11	Ex	a. Island Falls.	1860	23	37
a. Casco.	1858	16	33	Isle au Haut.	1851	27	12
a. Cherryfield.	1837	14	48	a. Jackson and Brooks,	1811	53	67
Chesterville.	1820	43	Ex	Jefferson.	1843	2	Ex
Clinton.	1858	10	5	a. Jonesboro.	1847	8	16
Cooper.	1851	15	7	a. Jonesport.	1873	0	42
a. Cornish.	1860	12	57	Kenduskeag.	1835	37	57
Corinna.	1841	3	Ex	s. Kennebunk Union.	1826	7	101
Cornville.	1832	4	Ex	s. Kennebunkport, First.	1840	29	77
Danville.	1832	5	Ex	Kingfield.	1844	15	Ex
a. Dedham.	1847	33	42	a. Kittery Point.	1822	43	25
a. Deer Isle, North.	1858	23	35	s. Lebanon.	1823	4	49
s. Dennyville.	1831	6	107	Lee.	1863		8
a. Denmark.	1839	34	46	s. Lewiston.	1855		1378
a. Dexter.	1838	34	49	Limerick.	1817	15	70
Dixfield.	1836	28	7	a. Limington.	1823	54	108
a. Dixmont and Plymouth.	1836	26	12	a. Lincoln.	1832	35	26
a. Durham.	1816	26	31	Lisbon.	1839	12	4
s. Eastport.	1829	18	91	a. Litchfield.	1810	54	58
a. Edgecomb.	1823	29	79	a. Lovell.	1835	38	123
a. Elliot.	1878	5	52	Lubec.	1820	10	Ex
a. Ellsworth.	1835	2	154	a. Lyman.	1831	12	79
Exeter.	1835	3	Ex	a. Machiasport.	1831	27	52
Fairfield.	1831	6	Ex	a. Madison.	1826	50	71
a. Falmouth, West.	1855	4	91	a. Madison East.	1846	28	20
s. Farmington.	1817	15	251	a. Marshfield.	1871	13	46
a. Farmington Falls.	1851	22	40	s. Mechanic Falls.	1845	27	48
Fayette.	1837	20	Ex	a. Mercer.	1833	36	32
Flagstaff.	1841	5	Ex	Milo.	1839	10	Ex
a. Fort Fairfield, (Letter D)	1845	3	44	s. Minot.	1845	11	109
s. Foxcroft and Dover.	1823	25	245	a. Minot West and Hebron.	1829	27	21
a. Frankfort Mills.	1849	15	30	a. Monmouth.	1852	26	64
a. Freedom.	1859	12	34	a. Monson.	1828	42	92
Freeman.	1828	2	Ex	Monticello.	1831	19	Ex
s. Fryeburg.	1823	5	137	a. Mt. Desert and Tremont.	1833	30	68
s. Gardiner.	1834	20	153	Naples.	1851	24	24
a. Garland.	1825	50	104	New Castle First.	1826	3	16
a. Gilead.	1828	28	31	a. Newfield, West.	1828	47	31

CHURCHES AIDED.	When taken up.	Years added.	Present No.	CHURCHES AIDED.	When taken up.	Years added.	Present No.
New Portland.	1828	25	Ex	a. Solon.	1844	26	3
s. New Sharon.	1824	9	110	s. Solon, South.	1824	37	
a. New Vineyard.	1833	44	13	a. South Berwick.	1825	111	
s. Norridgewock.	1810	20	85	a. Somesville.	1862	12	2
a. Northfield.	1844	25	27	s. Springfield and Carroll.	1844	23	1
a. North New Portland.	1866	11	11	s. St. Albans.	1833	42	2
s. Norway First.	1826	42	32	a. Standish.	1835	46	37
s. Norway Second.	1852	22	126	s. Starks.			Ex
s. Oldtown.	1846	24	85	a. Stockton, Sandy Point.	1839	5	68
s. Orland.	1850	11	80	a. Stow and Chatham.	1863	18	31
s. Orono.	1832	29	130	a. Strong.	1827	49	96
s. Orrington East.	1833	29	78	a. Sumner and Hartford.	1810	46	66
s. Otisfield.	1815	12	53	s. Swanville.	1836	7	Ex
a. Oxford.	1836	41	48	a. Sweden.	1835	37	31
s. Paris South.	1826	6	155	a. Temple.	1809	60	61
s. Parsonsfield.	1828	11	11	s. Thomaston.	1813	10	129
s. Passadumkeag.	1835	29	4	s. Thorndike and vicinity.	1829	17	Ex
a. Patten.	1840	33	41	s. Topsham.	1833	2	102
a. Pembroke.	1849	8	19	s. Topsfield.	1842	17	13
s. Perry.	1830	22	68	a. Turner.	1844	29	93
a. Phillips.	1837	14	23	a. Union.	1818	46	78
a. Pittston.	1812	30	28	s. Unity.	1829	19	Ex
s. Poland.	1820	25	22	s. Upper Stillwater.	1837	13	14
a. Portland Abyssinian.	1841	17	10	s. Upton.	1860	12	9
s. Portland West.	1871	7	65	a. Vassalboro.	1818	35	13
a. Portland Williston.	1867	2	302	s. Veazie.	1859	10	38
a. Pownal.	1811	16	56	s. Waldoboro. First.	1816	4	112
a. Presque Isle. (Letter F.)	1845	32	24	s. Waldoboro. Second.	1856	3	5
a. Princeton.	1858	26	60	s. Warren.	1830	10	18
s. Raymond.	1820	18	Ex	s. Washburn.	1861	18	Ex
s. Readfield.	1836	2	Ex	a. Washington.	1829	26	1
s. Richmond.	1827	2	47	s. Waterford.	1823	4	8
a. Robbinston.	1819	25	61	s. Waterford, North.	1859	14	9
s. Rockland.	1830	3	112	s. Waterville.	1836	21	19
s. Rockport.	1854	10	50	s. Westbrook, now Deering			
a. Rumford.	1837	36	24	s. First.	1834	10	1
a. Saccarappa.	1833	8	146	s. Weld.	1821	41	4
a. Sanford. First.	1823	43	44	a. Whiting.	1837	26	2
a. Sanford. Second.	1867	14	24	a. Whitneyville.	1845	26	3
s. Sangerville.	1840	15	4	a. Wilton.	1832	46	8
s. Scarborough.	1826	9	57	s. Williamsburg.	1833	13	Ex
s. Searsport. First	1814	6	154	a. Windham.	1833	21	1
s. Searsport. Second.	1855	4	30	s. Winslow.	1821	26	1
s. Sebec.	1834	8	Ex	s. Windsor.	1829	10	Ex
s. Sedgwick Village.	1847	12	13	s. Wiscasset. Second.			
s. Shapleigh	1823	15	4	s. (united to First.)	1828	2	
a. Sherman	1862	21	114	s. Winterport.	1824	21	1
s. Sidney.	1831	19	10	a. Woolwich.	1835	23	10
s. Skowhegan.	1849	7	207	a. York Second (Scotland).	1826	47	1

# Work Done Where no Churches Exist.

is prepared to show the points where no churches exist, and where  
 series of the Society have given more or less of service directly  
 during the seventy-five years of its existence.  
 Year by this list of one hundred and fifty-nine points, that the Society  
 has kept in mind the Second article of its constitution, viz: "The  
 Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to  
 preach the Gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated  
 service."

	3	Concord,	1
	1	Cushing,	6
	11	Danforth,	3
	2	Dead River,	5
and,	3	Deer Isle,	1
ex St.	10	Denny's River,	1
th,	8	Eastbrook,	2
it,	7	East Eddington,	1
	1	Edmunds,	
	1	Ellingwood's Corner,	1
Grant,	1	Emden,	2
nt,	1	Fairfax,	5
d Chandler's Mills,	3	Fairfield's Mills,	1
	2	Forks Kennebec,	13
ool-house,	1	Fort Kent,	9
,	1	Foxcroft, Aroostook Co.	1
month,		Framingham,	1
	4	Franklin,	1
r,	2	Gardiner Creek, Aroostook Co.	2
	1	Gerry,	1
	9	Golden Ridge,	4
bor. Wash. Co.	1	Goodwin's Mills, York Co.	1
	8	Gorham, Great Falls,	3
ad,	6	Gouldsboro,	13
.	1	Grand Falls,	1
	4	Greenbush,	5
	5	Greene,	1
th,	3	Greenfield,	3
	5	Greenwood,	1
ch Mills,	2	Hamlin's Gore,	1
'alls,	13	Hampton,	2

Harlen.	1	No. 5.
Hermion,	3	No. 6. Aroostook Co..
Hope.	1	No. 7. Washington Co..
Howland.	5	No. 13. Aroostook Co..
Iron Works, Kat..	2	No. 24. Washington Co..
Jackson Brook.	7	Northport East.
Jay.	5	Olamon.
Kelth's Mills.	2	Orneville.
Kilmarnock.	3	Palermo.
Klugman.	6	Palmyra.
Kirkland.	7	Parkman.
Knox.	17	Passamaquoddy.
Leeds.	1	Pejespot.
Letter B.	4	Pemaquid.
Letter D.	1	Pennamaquan.
Letter H.	2	Pen.
Lexington.	2	Pittsfield.
Lincolnvile.	3	Portland. Aroostook Co.,
Littleton No. and So.,	2	Portage Lake.
Livermore.	1	Prospect Harbor.
Long Island.	1	Putnam.
Lyndon.	3	Rangely.
Madawaska.	3	Red Beach Branch.
Malta.	3	Salem.
Maple Grove.	6	Salmon Brook.
Mars Hill.		Sandy Beach Branch.
Mariaville.	2	Searsmont.
Masardis and Ox Bow.	5	Sebasticook.
Mattawamkeag.	6	Shirley.
Matineus.	1	Silver Ridge Branch.
McDonald's District.	2	Smyrna.
Medford.	2	St. Francis.
Medway.	6	Stetson.
Mexico.	3	Steuben.
Milford.	5	Sunkhaze.
Millbridge.	3	Trenton.
Montville.	2	Vinal Haven.
Monroe.	1	Van Buren.
Moose River.	6	Waite.
Moscow.	4	Waldo.
Mount Vernon.	2	Wayne.
Newburgh.	1	Webb's Mills.
New Limerick	8	Webb's Pond.
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*Eleventh Anniversary, June 18, 1884.*

#### Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

*Fourth Anniversary, June, 18, 1884.*

#### Woman's Aid to American Missionary Association.

*Fourth Anniversary, June 19, 1884.*

## MINUTES OF 1883.

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The Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Church in Farmington, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 19, at 9 o'clock, in the new and spacious MUSIC HALL.

The MODERATOR, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, not being present, the Recording Secretary called to order and to the choice of a Moderator.

On motion of Deacon Leonard Peabody, of Washington Conference, seconded by Rev. Benjamin Dodge, of York Conference, the Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Franklin Conference, was nominated Moderator *pro tem.*, and he was elected.

United in singing Hymn 707 :—Songs of the Sanctuary.

“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear.”

(Heber.)

The Moderator read a portion from the prophecy of Malachi, 3d chapter, from v. 10; the Gospel of Matthew, 5th chapter, v. 13—18; and from the Epistle to the Ephesians, 3d chapter, v. 8—21, and led in prayer.

On motion of Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of North Cumberland Conference, adjourned to 1.30 P. M.

1.30 P. M., met according to adjournment; Rev. Frank E. Clark, the Moderator, in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read by the Secretary.

United in singing Hymn 885 :

“I love thy kingdom Lord,” v. 1, 3, 6.

(State St.)

The congregation was led in the singing by Rev. Charles H. Pope, with piano-forte accompaniment, Mrs. J. F. Woods, presiding.

The Moderator read the second chapter of Ephesians, and led in prayer.

## MINUTES OF THE

Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Union Conference, and Rev. Charles C. Holyoke, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference were appointed committee to receive the credentials of members.

The Moderator read the Constitution and Rules of Conference.

## DELEGATES.

## LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

## AROOSTOOK.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton.      Dea. Jesse Craig, Island Falls.  
Rev. George W. Stearns, Patten.

## CUMBERLAND.

Rev. William H. Fenn, Portland.      William H. Pennell, Portland.  
Rev. William H. Haskell, Falmouth.      Dea. Brown Thurston, Portland.  
Rev. John G. Wilson, Portland.      Ansel G. Dewey, Portland.

## CUMBERLAND NORTH.

Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., Yarmouth.      Dea. Isaac Haskell, Auburn.  
Rev. Charles A. White, Mechanic Falls.      Sidney Soule, South Freeport.  
Rev. Collins G. Burnham, South Freeport.      Samuel B. Soule, Yarmouth.

## FRANKLIN.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, Phillips.      Edward P. Packard, Wilton.  
Rev. Bates S. Rideout, Strong.      Elijah W. Dutton, New Sharon.

## HANCOCK.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle.      Alfred F. Adams, Castine.  
Rev. Alfred J. McGown, Bluehill.

## KENNEBEC.

Rev. William F. Obear, Winthrop.      Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, Monmouth  
Rev. Henry S. Loring, Winthrop.

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. William R. Richards, Bath.      Rev. Chas. G. Holyoke, Edgecomb.  
Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich.      I. Palmer Starrett, Thomaston.

## OXFORD.

Rev. David Garland, Bethel.      Dea. Elbridge Poor, Andover.

## PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Henry A. Freeman, Oldtown.      Manly Hardy, Brewer.  
Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, Burlington.      Dea. Jos. S. Wheelwright, Bangor.

## PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, Garland.      Dea. Chas. H. B. Woodbury, Dove  
Rev. Charles Davison, Greenville.

## SOMERSET.

Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, Madison.      Sumner Parlin, Skowhegan.  
Rev. John Dinmore, North Anson.      Augustus R. Bixby, Skowhegan.



## UNION.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Hiram. Hon. Geo. B. Barrows, Fryeburg.  
 Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg. Dea. Luke Brown, North Bridgton.

## WALDO.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, Stockton. Rev. James B. Hawes, Winterport.

## WASHINGTON.

Rev. Daniel Greene, Machias. Dea. Leonard Peabody, Princeton.  
 Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, Cherryfield. Lillie C. Vose, Dennysville.

## YORK.

Rev. David B. Sewall, York. Rev. Charles E. Andrews, Biddeford.  
 Rev. Benjamin Dodge, Lebanon.

## EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland; Rev. John B. Wheelwright, Phillips; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, and Dea. William S. Dennett, Bangor.

**MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.**—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Zenas Crowell, Hiram; George S. Dickerman, Lewiston; Charles A. Dickinson, Lowell, Mass.; William H. Fenn, Portland; William A. Fisher, Brunswick; Arthur G. Fitz, Wilton; David Garland, Bethel; Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle; Daniel Greene, Machias; Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; Charles G. Holveke, Edgecomb; Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth; Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Francis D. Kelsey, New Gloucester; George Lewis, South Berwick; Javan K. Mason, Fryeburg; Darius A. Morehouse, Foxcroft; Flavius V. Norcross, Union; Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland Center; J. Evarts Pond, Warren; Charles H. Pope, Farmington; Almon J. Rackliff, Skowhegan; Ezra N. Smith, Waterville; Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton; Daniel D. Tappan, Weld; Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich; Charles A. White, Hallowell; Messrs. Alfred F. Adams, Castine; William S. Dennett, Bangor; Elnathan F. Duren, Bangor; Joseph P. Thwing, Farmington; Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Rolliston Woodbury, Castine.

**MINISTER OF THE PLACE.**—Rev. Charles H. Pope, Farmington.

**PREACHER.**—Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Bangor.

**DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.** Rev. Frank E. Clark of Portland to the Yearly meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, at Portland, June 1883.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith of Waterville, to the Maine Baptist Convention in Waterville, October, 1882.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

**BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**—Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. Francis B. Denio.

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE.**—Professor Franklin C. Robinson.

## BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Thomas L. Gulick, of Zaragoza, Spain.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

Rev. Joseph E. Roy, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga.—*American Missionary Association*.

Rev. Levi H. Cobb, D. D., of New York City.—*American Congregational Union*.

Rev. Andrew E. Dunning.—*Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society*.

#### DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, of Keswick Ridge, N. B., from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Rev. J. M. Williams, of Portland, Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. William E. Morse, of Farmington, from the Maine Baptist Convention.

Timothy B. Hussey, of North Berwick, and Rebecca H. Smiley, of New Bedford, Mass., from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of Thompson, and Rev. George A. Gordon, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Rev. William Sewall, of Saxton's River, Vermont, were also present.

#### COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Daniel Greene, of Washington Conference, and Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Kennebec Conference, were appointed to take the place of two whose term of office expires. Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Hancock Conference, to fill a vacancy.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath; seconded by Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, the order of service, presented in the programme of the Committee of Arrangements, was accepted by the Conference.

The Roll of Conference was called.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the state of the Churches for the year past.

The Report was accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

United in prayer with Rev. John O. Fiske, followed by Rev. John G. Wilson and Rev. Charles H. Pope.

Sung Hymn 882 :—

“Behold the Throne of Grace.”

(*Shirland*.)

Remarks on points suggested by the Report, were made by Revs. John O. Fiske, of Bath, John Allen, of the Methodist Church, Farmington, John G. Wilson, of Portland, Charles H. Gates, of Deer Isle, George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, and Bro. S. S. York, of Wilton.

## CONFERENCE SERMON.

The seventeenth chapter of John was read by Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Rockport, Mass., (a former pastor at Farmington,) who also led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 881 :—

“Our Heavenly Father calls.”

Sermon by Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Professor in Bangor Theological Seminary. Text.—Romans 1 : 8. “I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

Theme.—Faith, its nature and power.

It is the very breath of life in the christian disciple ; it is the condition without which eternal life could not be secured. It unites the sinner to the Saviour. It obtains pardon and justification, and by it the wanderer becomes a son. Its characteristics,—its certainty ; based upon experience ; not a mere subjective principle ; elucidated by prayer.

Its power,—to overcome unbelief, scepticism, materialism, worldliness ; in its relation to the doctrinal system of the Church ; in the progressive and aggressive work of the Church.

Have we this faith ? If we can answer yes, then let us show our faith by our works. Let us go back to our Churches to do a new work for Christ. Let us pray that God will use us as instruments to give his cause a new impetus, and to carry it forward with new success. Is it too much to hope that the time will soon come when some lover of God, speaking to our Congregational Churches in Maine, shall say what Paul said to the Church at Rome, in the text.

(The sermon is published in Christian Mirror, Portland, June 29, and extracts in Franklin Journal, Farmington, June 23.)

Sung Hymn 771 :—

“ My Faith looks up to thee.”

(*Olivet.*)

Benediction by the Preacher.

After notices by the Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned.

Evening Session.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

United in singing Hymn 660.—

“The Harvest dawn is near.”

The Moderator read a part of the 18th chapter of Matthew  
Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, led in prayer.

#### REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY AND COMMITTEE

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton, presented the Report, which was accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

The following resolutions were commended for adoption by a committee appointed by the Conference, to whom they were referred, viz.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester; Prof. Rolliston Woodford, of Castine; Rev. George Lewis, South Berwick.

1. That this Conference would view with hearty approval such action in the several local Conferences as should make all our Sunday School Superintendents, members *ex-officio* of those bodies.

2. That this Conference recommend the formation of a State Association of Sunday School workers in our Churches.

3. That as a Conference we regard the work now being done by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, under the direction of our National Secretary, Rev. A. E. Dunning, as of the greatest importance and value, and with this expression of our high appreciation would urge upon our Churches, a practical sympathy with this work.

The resolutions were adopted.

Rev. A. G. Fitz, of Wilton, one of the Committee of Arrangements, desired that something should be said respecting the Society for Christian Endeavour for the Young, and called upon Rev. S. W. Adair, of Woodford's, who spoke of the work of that organization, and commended it to the ministers.

Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Hammond St. Church, Bangor, reviewed the Sunday School, in the two-fold aspect of recruiting the church of the young in our congregations, and affording a good field for the exercise of the church's spiritual gifts and power; presenting the importance of enlisting its best talent and capacity, its best vital force in inculcating religious truth, and in continuous christianization and opening the door of the Church to the lambs of the flock.

Prof. R. Woodbury, of Castine, made an appeal for the support of the Sunday School as demanding the support of the Church, leaving the

itions of the School to be devoted to benevolent purposes, outside of themselves. The Superintendent should be chosen by the Church, and set apart for that service. The school should be known as a part of the Church. Prof. W. proposed that the Conference pay the Secretary his expenses, and a contribution was taken, amounting to \$26.73.

Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston, National Secretary for Sunday Schools, showed that the hope of the Nation was in the young. That we could meet the influence of the foreign element so largely coming in upon us, by establishing Sunday Schools, and teaching the simple truths of the Gospel; and that by combined effort we should seize the opportunity to establish and sustain schools through the State and Nation. It would give new force to Christian effort, and result in the enlargement of the Kingdom of our Lord. The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society was an effective channel through which the most efficient missionary work could be done. Now is our opportunity.

United in singing the Doxology.

Benediction by Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

Adjourned.

### Second Day.—Wednesday, June 20.

6 A. M. Prayer meeting in the Church, conducted by Rev. John B. Wheelwright. Scripture read, 1 Peter, fifth chapter. Prayer and Remarks by the leader, and Revs. R. B. Howard, H. S. Loring, B. Dodge, J. T. Hawes, E. A. Harlow, C. Davison, John Allen, Bro. S. S. York, and others.

A verse or two of the following Hymns were among those sung during the hour:—

"Sweet hour of prayer;" "Amazing grace;" "Precious promise;" "Jesus keep me near;" "Give to the winds thy fears;" Rescue the perishing."

Reference was made by some to tender reminiscences of the past; to Father Rogers, the Pioneer pastor, who labored 32 years, and to others. Motives to consecration and perseverance were presented.

8.30 A. M. Conference re-assembled in Music Hall. A half-hour was occupied with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester.

United in singing,—

“Nearer my God to thee.”

Prayer by Rev. David B. Sewall, of York.

Sung Hymn 345.—

“Majestic sweetness sits enthroned.”

Mr. Kelsey read 1st Cor. 1 : 23—31, adding remarks, followed by Revs. David B. and William Sewall.

Prayers.—Revs. C. A. White, of Hallowell; E. A. Harlow, of Elizabeth; T. Bayley, of Portland; and Dea. M. J. Metcalf, of Portland.

United in singing :—

“Come Holy Spirit. Come;” “Alas, did my Saviour bleed;” “Comforter of every blessing;” “All hail the power of Jesus name.”

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Organized in 1807.*

### SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., President, in the chair. United in singing Hymn 1141.

“Jesus shall Reign.” (*Missionary*)

The President read Isaiah 35th chapter, and Romans 10th chapter, and led in prayer.

Sermon by Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Lowell, Mass. Text, 1 : 7 and Eze. 1 : 16.

The law of circularity as it relates to the Church of Christ, and the cause of Missions.

(Published in Christian Mirror June 29th, and an extract of the same in Journal, Farmington, June 23d.)

Sung Hymn 1124, v. 4, 5 :—

“There is a stream whose gentle flow.”

The Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, the remarks made, and the business transacted, may be found at the end of the Minutes of the Conference.

Mr. F. G. Chutter, of Vassalboro, made an appeal for aid to the amount of \$400, in completing the Adam's Memorial Chapel. It was cordially commended by Dr. Fiske and others, to the Churches.

Prayer, by Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of Thompson, Conn.

## MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOC.

*Organized in Portland. Nov. 19. 1818.*

### SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

2. P. M. Rev. William P. Fisher, Vice President, of Brunswick, in the chair.

United in singing hymn 1028:—

“How beauteous are their feet.”

(*Silver St.*)

The Vice-President led in prayer.

The report of the Secretary, Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Woodford's, Deering, was read and accepted. See Appendix.

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read by Prof. Franklin C. Robinson, and accepted.

### RECEIPTS.

Collection at annual meeting at Bangor.....	\$ 9 82	
(1) Contributions from ten churches.....	258 73	
H. S. L. Winthrop.....	5 00	
Bank dividends and interest.....	81 58	
Parent Society.....	235 00	
Dividend on bequest of Mrs. Susan Parsons, Hallowell.....	128 00	
		<hr/> \$708 13

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society, by Treasurer.....	\$483 13	
Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College.....	225 00	
		<hr/> \$708 13
(I) Augusta, \$20 50	Bangor, Central, \$20 00	Portland, High St. \$10 00
Bangor, 1st. 5 79	Bath, Winter St. 46 95	Portland 2nd. 19 56
Bangor. Ham'd Brunswick, 21 91	Portland State St. 60 00	
Street Church, 48 82	Orono, 5 20	
		<hr/> Total.....\$258 73

In addition to the above, there has been sent to the Parent Society direct as follows :—

Alna.	\$ 5 00	Falmouth West.	\$ 5 00	Wilton.	\$3 25
Augusta.	2 00	Gorham.	20 85	Winthrop.	7 00
Bangor Cen'l Ch.	27 16	Limington.	2 00		—
Castine.	50 00	Skowhegan.	12 25	Total.....	\$134
There has also been paid for Iowa College.				\$ 767 28	
Colorado College.				30 00	
Washburn College.				14 92	

Total.....\$812 20

The Society voted to pay the Clapp legacy of \$1000, to the Parent Society.

The following officers were elected :

#### OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, D. D.,.....*President*.....Bangor.  
 Rev. WILLIAM P. FISHER.....*Vice-President*.....Brunswick  
 Rev. S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE.....*Secretary*.....Woodford  
 Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN.....*Treasurer*.....Brunswick  
 Dr. ALFRED MITCHELL.....*Auditor*.....Brunswick

DIRECTORS :—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis*; Prof. ALPHEUS PACKARD, D. D., of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, Bangor.

Annual collection, \$9.70. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

United in singing Hymn 947 :—

“Sow in the morn thy seed.”

(Laba)

The Moderator read the 24th Psalm.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of Cumberland Conference, led in prayer.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved,—That in regard to the subject of Temperance, this Conference desires to re-affirm its unqualified faith in the principle of prohibition; its thankful acknowledgement of the great and salutary change it has wrought in our State; its full conviction that the Churches belonging to this General Conference and their pastors, are in duty bound



give their earnest prayers, and hearty, united efforts to the promotion of this cause, until the end aimed at in prohibitory measures are fully secured.

Ex-Governor Nelson Dingley, Jr., added remarks.

### BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Professor Franklin C. Robinson, was welcomed as its representative, who brought the greetings of President Chamberlain, to the Conference, and spoke of the condition and work of the College.

Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath, Chairman of the Committee to visit the College, made a report, which was accepted. (See Appendix.)

He supplemented the report with remarks, as also did Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, a member of the Committee. Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, and Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., one of the Trustees, added remarks.

Rev. Jonas Burnham, of Farmington, an Alumnus of 1823, led in prayer in behalf of the College.

### BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Report of the Committee to visit the Seminary was presented by Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft. Accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

Professor Frances B. Denio, brought the greetings of the Seminary. He presented the need of the Institution in connection with the missionary work of the State, and the encouragement which should be given to young men to enter upon the work of the ministry. Many of the graduates who have left the State are working outside our limits. He called upon Christian mothers to consecrate their sons to the Christian ministry, and upon pastors to urge those young men who are especially fitted to do so, to enter upon the work of preparation.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, made an appeal for holy love to Christ; a holy desire to have Him crowned Lord of all; a holy will to be his servants; and referred to the reward of faithful service.

Prayer in behalf of the Seminary was offered by Rev. Amasa Loring, of Yarmouthville.

MINUTES OF THE  
MINISTERIAL SUPPLY.

Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, referred to the following point on this topic.

The church should remove fictitious obstacles from before the young and entertain such an evident esteem for the ministerial work, as shall encourage the well disposed to enter upon it. If we cannot secure love for the work, we can at least encourage immature perception and devotion.

The church should manifest an interest in those that are poorly paid so that those called to feeble churches shall not be left to poverty.

Christian people must discourage a worldly distinction between well-paid and ill-paid; between the famous and obscure.

The work of the ministry must be honored in the manner of introducing men to their work. There is too much frivolous candidating.

The ministry in his office must be valued, not as lords of the church but as overseers.

The children of the church, must feel at home, and in the sanctuary that parents and Christians consider the ministry of Christ, above occupations most desirable.

After calling roll, the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Josiah Hawes, of Litchfield, and Conference adjourned.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

*Incorporate February 25, 1829.*

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Wednesday evening—7 1-2 o'clock.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, Vice-President, in Chair.

United in singing,

"Nearer my God to Thee."

Dr. M. read the 15th chapter of Romans, and led in prayer.

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, Secretary, said his report was embodied in the Treasurer's report.

Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report which was accepted.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1882.....	\$745 46
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Bangor, 1882.....	68 82
1) From thirteen Churches.....	311 84
2) From nine individuals.....	62 00
Income on investments.....	80 00
Bequest, Mrs. P. B. Warren, Portland.....	500 00
Bequest, Mrs. Susan Parsons, Hallowell.....	128 00
Mrs. Phebe Cummings, Portland, by Rev. J. W. Chickering..	250 00

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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid to seventeen individuals and families.....	\$670 00
Bond Invested.....	500 00
Taxes and expenses.....	24 70
Balance in Treasury, to new account.....	951 42

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(1) Bangor, 1st Ch., \$14 34	Calais, \$14 00	Portland 2nd, Ch. \$41 86
Bangor Ham'd St. 35 40	Fryeburg, 9 00	Portland, State St. 100 00
Bethel 1st Ch, 3 00	Kennebunk Union, 14 90	Yarmouth, 1st, 10 34
Brownville, 17 00	Lewiston, 10 00	
Brunswick, 17 00	Portland, High St, 25 00	Total.....\$311 84
(2) Albion \$5 00	Castine \$10 00	So. Berwick, \$5 00
Bradford, Mass, 10 00	Falmouth, 2 00	Wells, 5 00
Bridgton. 10 00	Portland, 10 00	Wilton, 5 00
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Total.....\$62 04		

Contribution taken, amounting to \$43.

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Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read 2 Peter 3 : 11—18.

Rev. F. T. Bayley of Portland, led in prayer.

## CHRISTIAN SALUTATIONS

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, announced that the General Associations of Massachusetts and Connecticut were in session, on the same days of our Conference, and on his motion, it was voted to send

greetings to those bodies, signed by the Moderator, and Recording Secretary.

To Massachusetts, at Boston Highlands, was sent.—Hearty fraternal greetings. "Peace to the brethren and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ," Eph. 6 : 23.

To Connecticut, at Thomaston,—Your brethren in Maine wish you grace, mercy and peace, and all spiritual blessings. "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times, in all ways. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thess. 3 : 16.

### MISSIONARY SESSION.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Rev. Thomas L. Gulick, of Zaragoza, Spain, referred to the work which had been done in the Sandwich Islands, where he was born, and where his parents were missionaries; to those from Maine who had gone to foreign lands, and to his own missionary experience in Spain, where he and his brother, Wm. H. Gulick, and his wife are now stationed.

From a large map of Spain, Dr. Gulick showed the several mission stations, and other points of importance.

United in singing Hymn 339, v. 1, 5, 6.

"All hail the power of Jesus name." (*Coronation.*)

### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. John E. Roy, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., Field Secretary of the Association at the South, gave a comprehensive account of the various agencies to elevate the Freedmen, and their success.

The Conference appointed at the commencement of the evening session, a Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change in the Constitution of this Association. Revs. Charles H. Pope, David Garland and Francis D. Kelsey.

They subsequently made the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the proposed changes in the Constitution of the American Missionary Association, beg leave to report:—That they have very carefully examined the proposed Constitution, and compared it particularly with the old Constitution. They find that there is no alteration proposed in the object, or underlying character of the Association; that there are decidedly

ved methods proposed for the realization of these objects,—and qualifiedly recommend the adoption of the new Constitution.

### AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Levi H. Cobb, D. D., of New York City, Secretary of this Society, kept alive the interest awakened by the previous speakers, in showing the need of this agency in giving aid in building meeting-houses and parsonages, and the estimate put upon it in developing morality and religion, without which no community can prosper, illustrated by the uses made in furnishing during the year a fund of \$100,000, and the experience of those pioneers who had gone into the new settlements of our country.

A large map of our vast territory was used by Dr. Cobb and Roy, illustrating many points of interest.

In a subsequent session, a Co-operating Committee of one from each City Conference, were appointed to assist the Secretary of the American Union.

Committee.—*Aroostook*, Rev. B. P. Snow, Houlton; *Cumberland*, Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; *Cumberland North*, Rev. Frank Kelsey, New Gloucester; *Franklin*, Rev. Charles H. Pope, Farnham; *Hancock*, Rev. Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle; *Kennebec*, Rev. N. Smith, Waterville; *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*, Rev. Flavius V. Ross, Union; *Oxford*, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel; *Penobscot*, Henry A. Freeman, Oldtown; *Piscataquis*, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, Willsville; *Somerset*, Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, Skowhegan; *Union*, Rev. Crowell, Hiram; *Waldo*, Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast; *Washington*, Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville; *York*, Rev. George Lewis, Berwick.

After a report from the Committee of Arrangements, the Benediction pronounced by Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference;—and Conference adjourned.

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### Third day.—Thursday, June 21.

8 o'clock A. M. Prayer meeting in the church, led by Rev. Charles Nichols, of Piscataquis Conference. Scripture read, Psalm 121.

Prayers.—Revs. C. Davison, B. Dodge, John Allen, L. H. F. V. Norcross, Robinson, Young, C. H. Pope, S. W. Adrian Garland, J. Torrey and others.

Remarks.—Revs. C. Davison, S. W. Adriance, J. T. Hawes, Harlow, L. H. Cobb, R. B. Howard, and others.

Service of song :—"Sweet hour of prayer;" "What a friend w in Jesus;" "The name of Jesus;" "To the work;" "The half w told;" etc.

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8.30. Conference resumed its session in the Hall. Devotiona cises, conducted by Rev. William F. Obear, of Kennebec Confere United in singing Hymn 885 :—

"I love thy Kingdom, Lord." (Shi

Scripture read, Mark, 11th chapter.

Singing Hymn 1227 :—

"Our days are gliding swiftly by." (Shining

Prayers and Remarks.—Revs. Wm. F. Obear, Merrill Blau Wm. A. Merrill, J. K. Mason, John G. Wilson, Chas. H. Gate others.

Sung Hymn 676 :—

"Stand up for Jesus." (

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9.00 A. M. The Moderator resumed the chair.

United in singing Hymn 874 :—

"Jesus, where'er thy people meet." (H

The Moderator read, Isaiah 60th chapter.

Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, of Keswick Ridge, N. B. led in pray

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, o gor, was read.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.....	\$ 5 21
(1) From County Conferences for 1881.....	113 87
(2) From County Conferences for 1882.....	442 70
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid National Council, balance, 1881.....	\$61 00	
Envelopes and stationery.....	6 40	
Samuel G. Robinson, Bangor, for Minutes, etc., 1882.....	311 78	
Postage, freight, and expenses, Pub. Com., 1882.....	124 32	
Corresponding Secretary's expenses.....	2 10	
Thurston & Co., Portland, blanks for Cor. Sect'y.....	8 75	
Balance on hand to new account.....	47 43	
		<hr/> \$561 78

(1) Cumberland.	\$3 18	Franklin.	\$25 00	Oxford.	\$19 30
Cumberland North.	11 88	Hancock.	25 60	Washington.	28 91
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				Total.....	\$113 87

(2) Cumberland.	\$80 00	Oxford.	\$2 70	Waldo.	\$18 00
Cumberland North.	63 00	Penobscot.	52 00	Washington.	31 00
Hancock.	22 00	Piscataquis.	20 00	York.	36 00
Kennebec.	32 00	Somerset.	15 00		<hr/>
Lincoln and Sag.	46 00	Union.	25 00	Total.....	\$442 70

The Report duly audited by Dea. Wm. S. Dennett, of Bangor, was accepted.

Reported as received after the account was made up,—Franklin, \$18 ; York, \$11.64.

The annual contribution last year was taken for the Maine Missionary Society, \$36.56.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Trueman S. Perry of North Cumberland Conference, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows :

## COMMITTEES.

## PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor.      Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor.  
Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham.

## ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren.

## TREASURER.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor.

## AUDITOR,

Dea. William S. Dennett, Bangor.

## SECRETARY FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton.

## COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, (*ex-off.*)..Houlton.....Aroostook Conference  
 Prof. Rolliston Woodbury.....Castine ..... Hancock.  
 Rev. Charles H. Pope.....Farmington ..... Franklin.  
 J. Milton Daggett ..... Bangor ..... Penobscot.  
 Rev. William F. Obear.....Winthrop.....Kennebec.  
 Ansel G. Dewey.....Portland ... ..Cumberland.

## TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Rev. George W. Christie.....Presque Isle.....Aroostook Conference  
 Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D.....Portland .....Cumberland.  
 Rev. Frank W. Sanborn.....Yarmouth.....Cumberland North.  
 Rev. Charles H. Pope.....Farmington ..... Franklin.  
 Alfred F. Adams.....Castine.....Hancock.  
 Rev. Edgar F. Davis.....Gardiner ..... Kennebec.  
 Rev. Richard W. Jenkins.....Boothbay.....Lincoln and Sagadah  
 Rev. Alexander Wiswall.....Norway .....Oxford  
 Rev. Samuel W. Chapin.....Burlington .....Penobscot.  
 Rev. William G. Mann.....Monson.....Piscataquis.  
 Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell.....Madison.....Somerset.  
 Rev. Jehiel S. Richards.....Waterford .....Union.  
 Rev. Daniel W. Hardy.....Stockton .....Waldo.  
 Rev. George E. Chapin.....Princeton.....Washington.  
 Rev. Merrill Blanchard.....Biddeford .....York.

## TO VISIT BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, Gray; John L. Crosby, Bangor; Rev. Trueman Perry, Cumberland Center; William E. Gould, Portland; Rev. Henry Emmons, Hallowell.

## TO VISIT HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick; Rev. Edward S. Tead, Cumberland Mills; Prentiss Loring, Portland.

## DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Rev. Benjamin Tappan D. D., No ridgewock; Hon. William W. Thomas, Portland; Rev. Stephen L. Bowle Bethel.

ALTERNATES.—Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; Dea. Joseph I Thwing, Farmington; Rev. William P. Fisher, Brunswick; Rev. William I Richards, Bath.



## DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

*Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.*

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Rev. George W. Field, D. D., of Bangor.—or Substitute.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

July 7, 1883, in Milton, Queen's County, N. S.

*Primary.*

*Substitute.*

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton.

Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville.

## MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1884, in Bath.

Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D., Portland.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, Freeport.

## EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.

May, 1884, in Camden.

Rev. Francis B. Denio, Bangor.

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, Boothbay.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Sept. 26—28, 1883.

Rev. John G. Wilson, Portland.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, New Gloucester.

## MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

October 2, 1883, in South Berwick.

Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, Bangor.

Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, Skowhegan.

## YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor.

By vote of Conference, [Minutes, 1872, p. 9.] the sending of Delegates to State Conference, is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

## NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (17,) 1884, at nine o'clock A. M. with the Second Church in Biddeford.

## PREACHER.

*Primary.*

*Alternate.*

Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor.

Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Portland

## COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews.

Rev. Merrill Blanchard,

Dea. Thomas Haley.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Franklin Conference.  
 Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland North Conference.  
 Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Union Conference.  
 Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Kennebec Conference.  
 Rev. Daniel Greene, of Washington Conference.  
 Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Hancock Conference.

## OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, as Chairman of the Committee appointed last year, on this subject, reported :—

Your Committee were appointed to confer and co-operate with similar Committees of sister denominations, to secure, if possible, better laws, or better enforcement of those now on the Statute book, to restrict the desecration of the Lord's Day ;—could learn of no such committee, nor secure their appointment. Further, the radical movements in New York City, with the agitation consequent thereon, occupied the public mind in a style exceedingly detrimental to this cause ; this coming early in the Conference year, led us to feel that the time was not ripe for any special legislative action.

They therefore report the non-performance of their duty, and ask to be excused for the reasons stated.

The report was accepted, and Committee relieved.

## CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The report of the Committee on this subject, appointed last year, (Minutes, p. 7,) was called for, but the Committee were not present, to report.

## REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, had communicated by letter with the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, is reported in the Minutes of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, (Congregational Year Book, 1882-3, p. 128,) as having written a letter to that body, which was read at the annual meeting in Sheffield, N. B., July 8, 1882. On the same page, it is noted that "a letter was read from Mr. W. E. Gould, of Portland, Me., representing the National Council of Congregational churches of the United States, bearing the greetings of that body to the Cong'l Union of N. S. and N. B."

Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, was reported as having written a letter to the Maine Conference of the Methodist E. Church, which was read at their meeting at Lewiston, May, 1883.

Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport wrote that he presented the fraternal greetings of this Conference to the East Maine Methodist E. Church, at the annual meeting at Searsport, in May, 1883, and that the reception given him by the Bishop and the brethren was extremely cordial.

Rev. John G. Wilson, of Portland, reported that he was not present at the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting. Rev. A. P. Tinker was the Primary Delegate.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, Delegate to the Maine Baptist Convention, communicated with them by letter.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, stated that he presented the cordial greetings of this Conference, at the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at Portland, June 7, 1883, and was more than cordially received, and welcomed. He enjoyed much, and was greatly profited by the privilege of meeting with that body.

#### SALUTATION OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. L. Williams, of Portland, presented the greetings of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Rev. W. W. Marsh, of Dexter, by letter expressed his disappointment in not being able to be present as delegate from the East Maine Conference of the Methodist E. church. They regard the Congregational Conference with fraternal interest, and desire its prosperity in all undertakings for Christ. With great satisfaction they welcomed our delegate, Rev. B. B. Merrill, at their late session.

Rev. William E. Morse, of Farmington, expressed the Christian Salutations of the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Timothy B. Hussey, of North Berwick, and Rebecca H. Smiley, of New Bedford, Mass., Delegates from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, each of them expressed their sympathy and love for us in loyalty to Christ, and Christian doctrine, and Christian work.

They were rejoiced to welcome our Delegate to them at their late meeting.

Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, of Keswick Ridge, N. B., was welcomed as delegate from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, who presented the fraternal salutations of that body.

A letter was received from Rev. J. L. Beman, of St. John, N. B., associate delegate, expressive of regret at not being able to be present, and sending greetings.

To each of these delegations, the Moderator in turn responded in fitting words.

United in singing Hymn 849 :—

“Let party names no more.”

(*Bojiston.*)

### GREETINGS FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON HIGHLANDS, MASS., June 21, 1883.

To the General Conference of Maine :

The Massachusetts General Association, receives the greetings of the brethren in Maine, and returns Christian salutation. Colossians 1 : 9—11.

MARSHALL M. CUTTER, *Secretary*.

EZRA A. STEVENS, *Moderator*.

### COLORADO AND THE NEW WEST.

Rev. George N. Marden, Professor in Colorado College, proffered the Christian salutations of the Churches of the South West, and made an appeal in behalf of the New West, for providing the Gospel and education for the rapidly increasing population, and to stay the tide of Infidelity, Romanism, Mormonism, Intemperance, and other evils. His remarks found illustration on the large maps he had prepared.

### IN MEMORIAM.

The Necrology, by the Recording Secretary, was read.

Four hundred and twenty members of our churches are reported as having closed their labors on earth, during the year, including fifteen of the ministry—three of them, Rev. Joseph Freeman, acting-pastor of second church, York ; Rev. Isaac H. Bailey, at Strong, and Rev. Timothy Lyman, at Mt. Desert,—the others, former pastors or ministers.

Brief mention was made of the ministry, and of names of some of the laity. The record of whom may be found on subsequent pages.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, led in a memorial prayer.

United in singing hymn 1183, v. 1—5.

“How blest the righteous when he dies.”

(*Rest.*)

## ESSAY ON REVIVALS.

Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, read a paper on the topic—"How to avoid the State which demands revivals." (See Appendix.)

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, led in prayer.

Adjourned.

2 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing Hymn 347 :—

"Oh for a thousand tongues to sing.

My dear Redeemer's praise."

(Ortonville.)

The Moderator read a part of the 17th chapter of John.

Prayer.—Rev. Daniel Greene, of Washington Conference.

The Roll was called, and corrections made.

## IOWA COLLEGE.

The Moderator read a letter from Rev. George F. Magoun, D. D., President of Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa., thanking the Conference and the churches for aid extended in the re-building of the College walls, destroyed by a cyclone.

## DIVORCE.

Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, Chairman of the Committee re-appointed last year to consider this subject, presented their report.

Accepted and adopted,—to be published in the Minutes.

A brief discussion ensued, as to what further action the Conference should take on the subject, and the time at which a committee should report,—participated in by Revs. W. A. Merrill, J. W. H. Baker, W. H. Fenn, I. P. Warren, D. B. Sewall, W. P. Fisher, and others.

On motion of Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick,

*Voted*, 1. That the thanks of this Conference be extended to Rev. G. S. Dickerman, for his laborious and successful efforts in favor of improvement in divorce legislation.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be communicated to Hon. O. G. Hall, of Rockland, Hon. C. W. Goddard, of Portland, and Ex-Governor Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston, for their valuable services in the same direction.

3. That the nominating Committee nominate a Committee on Divorce, who shall report a resolution upon the duty of our ministers as to the re-marriage of persons legally divorced; also a resolution suitable for adoption by individual churches, as to the relation to the church of those divorced on insufficient ground, and re-married; and to present such other judgment as they see best.

Committee.—Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld; Rev. Henry Huntington, of Gorham; Alfred F. Adams, Esq., of Castine.

The Committee subsequently made a report in part, offering following resolutions for the action of the Conference.

In view of the alarming prevalence of divorce, and the laxity of the law upon the subject,

*Resolved, I,* That the General Conference of the Congregational Church of Maine, earnestly counsels its ministers, in no case to solemnize the ritual marriage between persons who have been divorced, contrary to the law of Lord Jesus Christ.

*Resolved, II,* That we entreat our churches to receive no persons to membership, who have been divorced, contrary to the law of Christ; and those who are members shall be so divorced, to consider it ground for discipline.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, it was voted, that the consideration of the whole subject be deferred to the next meeting of Conference.

United in singing Hymn 337 :—

“Come, let us sing the song of songs.”

(Duke)

Benediction by Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference.

Adjourned to the Church.

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

4 P. M. At the church.

Rev. David B. Sewall, of York Conference, and Rev. Aaron Adams, of Connecticut, administered the Ordinance,—offering remembrance and prayer.

Deacons Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor; Warren Hill, Maclellan; Mason J. Metcalf, Monmouth; Joseph P. Thwing, Farmington.

Sung Hymn 847 :—

“Blest be the tie that binds.”

(Boyd)

After the Benediction.—Adjourned.

## CLOSING SESSION.

7.30 P. M. Conference re-assembled in Music Hall.

Sung Hymn 1019 :—

“Oh, where are Kings, and empires now?” (St. Anns.)

The Moderator read Psalms 124, 125.

Prayer.—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Penobscot Conference.

The annual collection at the Conference was taken.—Amount, \$27.58.

## WHAT SHALL WE CARRY AWAY WITH US.

Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of Portland, referred to some of the things, enforcing the thought that there is a great work to be done by us, in our own State, and beyond its limits, in the great West, and in other lands. We need more spiritual power. The power of truth in us, and Christ in us, to vitalize every thought, and purpose, and act, and to make us efficient in the service of the Master.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE FUTURE.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, with a vigor of thought and utterance, which in his feeble health was remarkable, spoke of the encouragements there were in the aspect of the times, to believe, that yet better times will be realized.

He showed by many references to the past and the present, in education, in political affairs, in religious liberty, in public justice, social customs, etc., that the former days were not better than the present; that progress was making, and would continue to be made, until the time shall come when righteousness, and truth, and peace, will prevail,—every knee shall bow to Him, who is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, and all acknowledge His supremacy. As to the “new departure,” so called, it was at best a speculation, having no Bible support. If we hold on to God, we shall not go far astray.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. William De Pew, of Wiscasset, introduced with fitting words of appreciation, and commendation, for the reception of Conference by the people of Farmington, the following resolutions,—not as a formality, but as a feeble expression of the feeling which rises up in all our minds. We have repeatedly expressed our thankfulness to God for his benefits in these assemblies; it is fitting that we should also thank those whose hearts He has opened to receive us.

*Resolved.*—That by a rising vote of thanks, the gratitude of the members of this Conference, be expressed to the people connected with the Congregational Church and Society of Farmington, and to all others who have assisted them, for their cordial and generous hospitality to us during the period of these meetings;—also, to the Committee of Arrangements and Entertainment for their efforts, and considerate forethought in providing for the efficiency of our sessions, and the convenience and comfort of their guests;—to Mrs. J. F. Woods, pianist, in the service of song;—to the Ushers for their courteous attention;—to the managers of the Maine Central and other Railroads, and the the Steamboat Companies, for their reduction of fare;—to the "Franklin Journal," and "Chronicle," for their reports of our proceedings;—and to all others who in any way have added to the facilities and interest of these meetings.

May the Lord continue to enrich you with all outward prosperity; and especially adorn and beautify you, with the grace of his Kingdom; multiplying unto you, grace, mercy and peace.

The resolutions were seconded by Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, who gave a cordial invitation to the people of Farmington, and the Conference, to meet with them the coming year; assuring them of as hearty a reception, if not so well planned and successfully accomplished, as that at Farmington.

The Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, pastor of the church, in behalf of the people, would thank God for the Conference; and the Conference for coming,—expressing with felicity of utterance, as he is wont to do, the pleasure and profit they had received.

The Moderator, Rev. F. E. Clark, added closing words; and at the request of the pastor, gave some of his impressions of the meeting, referring to the important topics which had come before the Conference.

We can go on joyfully and successfully in our work, with Jesus to help us. In Him we have all we need in all the things to do for Him,—in all the things we can do for Him.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

After the benediction, by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath. The Conference adjourned.

E. F. DUREN,  
*Recording Secretary.*



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES.

## THE WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

### THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Held in the church, Wednesday, 2 :30 P. M., June 20, 1883.

Mrs. William E. Gould, of Deering, (Woodford's,) the President, called to order.

United in singing, the Hymn,

"Come ye that know and fear the Lord."

Rev. Alfred J. McGown, State Missionary, read from Isaiah, part of the 40th Chapter, and led in prayer.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, of Bangor, was read and accepted. Receipts in money, \$1,457,30; value of boxes for missionaries, \$860.

The report of the Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Paine, of Bangor, was read by Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Bangor. The various ways of raising money by the women of the Auxiliaries was referred to. Twelve new Auxiliaries have been formed.

Reports were read from the several Vice Presidents, which were interesting and encouraging.

A letter was read from Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, alluding to the spiritual darkness in many parts of the State; the need of effort, and the blessing which would follow such effort.

Rev. A. J. McGown, gave some account of his work in various parts of the State.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen,—see Record in the Report of the Maine Missionary Society.

The services closed with singing.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIAR

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

At the church, Thursday, 10 A. M., June 21.

Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland, President, in the Chair, who from the 13th chapter of Acts, followed by the Lord's Prayer, requested by all.

There were present Delegates from twenty of the Auxiliaries.

The Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Dana, of Portland, reported the result for the year, as \$3547.16.

Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland, the Corresponding Secretary read the annual report, showing progress at home, and deepening usefulness abroad.

An inspiring paper from Piscataquis County was read.

A collection for incidental expenses was taken.

The remainder of the time was occupied with remarks by the President and others,—chiefly in the form of questions and answers.

The list of officers chosen may be found in the Appendix.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S A

## THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

In the church, Thursday, 2.30 P. M., June 21.

Miss Mary Smith, of Gorham, presiding.

United in singing,—

“ My faith looks up to thee.”

Scriptures read, Matt. 25 :31—46.

Prayer.—Miss Sarah Spofford, of Rockland.

The Report of the Committee was read by the presiding officer.

Receipts for the year, \$806.83. A gain from nearly all the Churches.

Letters were read from Miss Mary K. Lunt, at Selma, Ala., and Annie E. Farrington, at Wilmington, N. C., sustained by this Society as lady missionaries.

Miss D. E. Emerson, who has been engaged in the work of the American Missionary Association, fourteen years, and now Secretary

Woman's Bureau, was present, and spoke of the condition of great masses of the people at the South; their need of industrial training, of being taught domestic work, and forming Christian homes.

For Committee elected, see Appendix.

The meeting closed with singing

"All hail the power of Jesus name."

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Notwithstanding the rain and mist, the sessions of Conference were fully attended, and the exercises were enjoyed with marked interest and zest. These were varied, prompt, earnest and helpful. The arrangements for them were happily planned, and well carried out.

The hospitality of the people was abounding.

From the welcome on the cars, a few miles out, and through all the sessions, to the parting on the beautiful morning of Friday, the Committee were at hand, ready at every point, and anticipating often the wants of their guests.

The Music Hall in which we met, with its ante-rooms, for Committees, correspondence, etc., was well adapted to such a meeting.

The opening of Drummond Hall, directly opposite, where tables were spread for the convenience of those who came from the neighboring towns for the day, or whose lodgings were at a distance in the town, was a thoughtful arrangement, and most acceptable.

The gathering in the meeting house at the choice morning prayer-meetings, and for the communion season, brought us nearer into fellowship with the associations of the church, and its membership; and the memories of Fathers Sewall and Rogers, and others who have ministered to them, as undershepherds to the flock. The presence and words of pastors Howard and Marden, was a source of much pleasure.

The singing throughout the sessions, by the congregation, was hearty and devotional.

The fame of Farmington, for its beautiful situation, its abundant foliage, and the attractions of the "Little Blue," and "Few Acres," (associated with the names of the Abbotts,) "Powder Horn Hill," etc., was fully realized.

The "Franklin Journal," of Farmington, had a very full and excellent report of the meeting, including a list of the guests and hosts; the

"Farmington Chronicle," a briefer report, with the same list. Christian Mirror, of June 23, 30, July 7, 14, had a report, which included many of the Reports and Papers read, afterwards issued in extra. The Bangor Whig and Courier, June 20—23; Lewiston Journal, June 20—23; Congregationalist, June 28; and Advance, June and July 7, also had reports.

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## REPORT OF THE CHURCHES.

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The gladness and freshness of nature to-day are bidding us be glad and strong. It is a felicitous thing that we meet to talk of our spiritual work, and seek the enduring life which is in God, at a season when this wonderful material life is telling us so much of his power and glory. It is a special pleasure to come at such a season to a lovely village like this, where nature joins with taste and skill to make attractive the homes of men. To many of us there are attractions still stronger, which draw us to this pleasant town of Farmington. I wonder how many grown up men and women there are here to-day, who did not in childhood incur a debt of gratitude to that veteran author who so long dwelt beneath these elms. The memory of Rollo and Lucy, of Jonas and Mary Bell and Marco Paul, make many of us feel that no greater writer for the young has yet arisen than Jacob Abbott. And whoever criticises, we shall still believe with him, that good manners, and respect for elders, are perfectly consistent with the fun and jollity of healthy childhood. At least of all shall we forget to-day the work he did for the Churches by "The Corner Stone," "The Young Christian," and those other books which have nurtured piety in its strong-hold,—the Christian home. It does not seem as if no longer ago than the years from 1814 to 1825, this Church in Farmington could have been supplied, as the Minutes say, "by Jotham Sewall and other *Missionaries*,"—nor that Isaac Rogers, the first Pastor, could have been, as Prof. Packard's Semi-Centennial Discourse calls him, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness." The more let us thank God for those holy Christian influences which have made the wilderness to rejoice and blossom as the rose. May the hallowed influence of these associations fall richly upon us to-day. May we be baptized with that spirit of power and joy which as given these Maine Conferences a good name in all the land. What-

ever of good impulse we have been gaining at our local Conferences, let us bring it here, and pray together that it may be deepened by the Holy Spirit of God.

First in position on the north-east, and in some respects first in importance among our Conferences, is *Aroostook*.

So far as numerical growth is concerned, the year has been a sad one. But two persons have been received to membership, one of them by profession. Removals by death and dismission, fourteen; net loss, twelve. A favorable sign is that benevolent contributions are about twenty-five per cent. larger than last year. Some steps of genuine progress have been made. Presque Isle has put its church edifice in good condition, and called a vigorous pastor. At Fort Fairfield the pastor has been working especially for the young people through religious meetings, and a juvenile temperance society, which numbers about a hundred. At Island Falls, during and since the week of prayer, a new spirit of consecration has come upon the church, and nearly a score of persons, mostly young, have become disciples of Christ. Caribou has lost ground, for lack of an independent church edifice. If the Lord has a work for us to do there, may he put it into the hearts of some of his servants to build us a synagogue. Houlton is thankful for increased congregations, and an improved public sentiment as to the church. They imperatively need a vestry for the efficiency of their Sunday-school and general work, but are too weak to build it without aid from abroad. The claims of *Aroostook*, brethren, deserve our most earnest consideration, sympathy and prayer. It is cause for regret that the appointment made last June was reversed, and the General Conference not held at Houlton. *Aroostook* is our most promising missionary field. It is just the kind of field for broad and aggressive work. Where men are enterprising about other things, they respect enterprise in the cause of Christ. In such a region, we cannot afford dilapidated buildings nor halting work. The people must know that we have come to stay, and that, with all brotherly fellowship and good will to other Christian denominations, the Congregational churches of Maine do not propose to forego the inheritance which the Lord has given them. I wish that some of our strongest churches in Portland, Bangor, and elsewhere, would make a special study of these fields, choose each of them one, and see that it is worked with the largest efficiency. There is need, too, of one efficient general missionary

for Aroostook, who should do some work also in Piscataquis, Washington, and other Conferences where the destitution is greatest. Brethren, however genuine the call of Montana or Japan, do not be deaf to the call of Maine.

*Piscataquis Conference* has added to the membership of its ten churches, by confession of faith, thirteen; by letter, ten; in all, twenty-three. The removals have been forty, which leaves a net loss of seventeen. Four of its churches are supplied by installed pastors, three by acting pastors, and three are vacant. Rev. W. G. Mann was installed at Monson in October. The church in Foxcroft and Dover have purchased a parsonage. In Brownville, and Foxcroft and Dover, a few conversions occurred in connection with the week of prayer.

The report from *Washington Conference* presents few features of marked interest, except as it calls upon us for effective co-operation with these churches under their difficulties. Thirty-six members have been added to the churches, twenty-seven of them by profession. Fifty-nine have been removed, so that there is a net loss of twenty-three. Benevolent contributions are a little larger than last year. A new church was organized in Jonesboro' in September, under specially encouraging circumstances, of fifteen members, most of them middle-aged men and women. Two meeting houses are in process of erection, one in Cherryfield and one at Red Beach, where as yet is only a branch mission church. The church in Calais has bought a \$4000 parsonage. The churches of Machias, Machiasport, and Jonesport have received benefit from the labors of Mr. Sanborn, an evangelist. The Conference loses four pastors by dismissal. There are but five or six self-supporting churches in the twenty. Thirteen churches are without pastors, though six of these have preaching by students during the summer. Brethren, we ought not, we must not, separate, without earnest, prayerful, practical consideration what we should do about this. One thing our churches certainly can do if they will. We can provide a general missionary for this Conference, or for it and Aroostook united. Such service, from a wise, practical man, would be far better than occasional special effort by evangelists.

The churches of *Hancock Conference* now number fifteen,—a new one Bar Harbor having been organized during the year. Fourteen persons

have united with these churches by profession and seven by letter. There have been twenty-seven removals, so that there has been a net loss of sixteen. New organs have been purchased at Castine and South Harbor. At Deer Isle, Rev. C. H. Gates, recently of Kennebunk has begun work, and reports one or two conversions, and a very favorable outlook. The new church at Bar Harbor has good Sunday services, and a large attendance upon the prayer-meetings. Their acting pastor is Rev. A. J. McGown.

The report from *Penobscot Conference* presents many features of interest and promise. The first church in Bangor, whose pulpit was vacated last year by Prof. Ropes, has now a minister, Mr. N. H. Harris. Under the energetic leadership of Rev. H. L. Griffin, Hammond's church has advanced in grace and usefulness. A profitable young people's meeting has been established. Systematic plans of Christian work have been inaugurated, with the general co-operation of the people. A quarterly church paper is issued. New Missionary maps have increased the attractiveness of the monthly concert. The Conference report some indications of the Master's special presence, particularly among the young. The gospel seems to be working more like leaven than the fire and the hammer. The first church in Brewer, though they have lost their deeply valued pastor, Rev. C. A. Beckwith, have a year of union and Christian activity. Eighty per cent. of their congregation are in the Sabbath-school. Hampden has also lost its efficient pastor, Rev. Chas. D. Crane, who is now at Newark, N. J. The church edifice has been thoroughly repaired at an expense of \$600. Burlington has received the largest addition of any church in the Conference, thirteen by confession of faith and two by letter. Special meetings were held by the Messrs. Underwood, which, though in the midst of haying, were well attended. The church edifice is completed and paid for. At Camden, five have been added to the church by confession of faith, and there have been other hopeful conversions. The church at Oldtown, during the winter, united with the Baptists in holding meetings for four weeks. A number of persons gave evidence of conversion. Rev. Henry Freeman, the pastor at Oldtown, also holds meetings at Milford, opposite A Congregational parish has been organized in Milford, and the people are looking forward to the speedy organization of a church, and building a house of worship. There, as so often in Bible times, a compar-



faithful women are using every effort to sustain the work. The churches of this Conference have added by profession, forty; by letter, twenty-one; total, sixty-one. The losses have been fifty-seven, leaving a gain of four.

In our Seminary at Bangor, the year has been one of unusual quiet and freedom from disturbing influences. The students have been sober-minded and seriously intent on their Seminary duties.

Six young men graduated at the recent anniversary. When we pray for the churches, let us not forget to pray for the Seminary.

The eleven churches of *Waldo Conference* have, during the year, added added to their membership thirty-one; twenty-five of them by confession of faith. They have lost thirty-seven, so that their membership is six less than last year. We sympathize intensely with our brethren in this Conference, in the burden they feel under a declining population, which makes it hard to keep the churches on an advance. The good old town of Searsport illustrates the depletion which a considerable number of Maine towns are suffering, in the fact that within five years it has lost one hundred and forty polls from its tax list. Honor, then, to our churches for the firmness with which they breast these difficulties. Evangelists have labored in several of the churches of this Conference, though the only marked success was in Camden. The great cry of the smaller churches here, as all over the State, is for efficient, practical ministers, who will do the work of the Master with patient faith.

To the twenty-two churches of *Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference*, twenty-five have been added by profession the past year, and sixteen by letter, total forty-one. Sixty-one have died, nineteen have been dismissed, and two excommunicated, a total loss of eighty-two. There is, therefore, a net loss of forty-one. Eleven churches,—just one-half of the Conference, received one or more additions by profession. The largest numbers received were at Boothbay Second, and Newcastle Second, five each, and at Bath Central, and Warren, three each. Benevolent contributions show a gain of \$668. We all unite with our brethren in the Winter street church of Bath, in deep regret that ill health will probably necessitate the resignation of their pastor, Dr. John O. Fiske, at the end of the 40th year of his pastorate. May

The Lord gave our churches many pastors of like strength, fidelity and zeal. Rockland and Union have improved their houses of worship,—the former at an expense of several thousand dollars. At Union, the pastor has just organized in the Sunday school a Bible class of young men, and there are tokens of good. The church in Warren enjoyed a precious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, during the winter and spring, and will be enabled to gather in some sheaves soon.

*Kennebec Conference* reports two new churches organized during the year; one in Vassalboro, called the Adams Memorial church, the other in the growing village of South Gardiner. It is a pleasant testimony to the true genius of Congregationalism, that in this last case, Christians of several denominations united to form this, the simplest and freest type of a New Testament church. There is in South Gardiner, a Village Association for the support of preaching, which aids the new enterprise. At Waterville a new vestry has been built, costing a little over \$2,000. The long delayed church edifice at Hallowell is in process of construction. In the Classical School, during the fall and winter terms, some nine pupils, six young men and three young ladies, came into the Christian life, one by one, at intervals of about two weeks apart. The Christian students, too, have been much quickened in faithfulness and zeal. Yet, notwithstanding the good intellectual and moral work it is doing, there is danger that this school,—the school of the old Congregational churches of Maine,—will be compelled to close for want of funds. Will the Lord's stewards in these churches allow it? The churches of *Kennebec* have received during the year thirty-six members by confession, and twenty by letter, total fifty-six. They have lost thirty-nine, which leaves a net gain of seventeen.

The thirteen churches of *Somerset Conference*, report that they have received during the year seven members by profession, and ten by letter. They have lost twenty-five which is eight more than the gain. Benerolent contributions are \$207 more than last year. At Skowhegan, under the lead of the new pastor, congregations have largely increased, and the people are confident that a good work will be accomplished. The reporter says of the Conference in general, "I think there is a more hopeful feeling for the year to come."

*Franklin Conference*, in which it is our privilege to meet to-day, has ten churches, seven of which are reported as last year having pastors. Of the other three, two, Weld and New Vineyard, have helped to sustain Union meetings. The churches have received five additions by profession, eleven by letter, in all sixteen. By death and dismission they have lost twenty-three, so that the membership is seven less than a year ago. The benevolent contributions were \$1,361, an increase over last year, due to the gift of \$1,000 to the American Board from some members of this church. The church in Strong have been deeply grieved by the early death of Rev. Isaac H. Libbey, whose work there seemed full of promise. He died triumphantly in the faith which he preached. Wilton reports the very satisfactory fact that the missionary concert is the best Sabbath evening meeting they maintain. Dea. Bass left to the church in Wilton, \$500, the income to be for the support of preaching. The church in Phillips continues fully in the faith that life is much better than death, and proposes to be numbered among the living. It has gained three members during the year, and a Ladies' Aid Society has been organized which has raised the sum of \$50. An absent member of the church recently sent \$20 to gladden the faithful workers. If all absentees would follow this example, that column in our statistics would represent more of value. Rev. A. W. Moore was dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Farmington, Sept. 25, 1882, to become pastor of the Central church of Lynn, Mass. Rev. Charles H. Pope has been installed as his successor. May the Lord crown the united labors of pastor and people with the richest spiritual success.

From *Oxford Conference* the church in Dixfield must be dropped, as having no resident member. This leaves fourteen churches in this Conference, which received to their membership last year twenty-one by profession, and fifteen by letter, thirty-six in all. They lost twenty-seven by death and dismission, and have therefore made a net gain of nine. Benevolent contributions also show the gratifying gain of \$358, having gone up from \$454 to 812. The best part of it is that the growth in benevolence is shared by nearly all the churches.

Bethel Second church has bought a new organ, carpet for the church and library, at a cost of \$405. The church at Berlin Mills, though without a pastor, have sustained prayer-meetings twice a week during the year, and with the aid of Mr. Wm. W. Brown, of Portland, built a

church and vestry, costing towards \$1,200. Norway Second church has paid a debt of \$1000, and still better, received nine to its membership by confession of faith. They hold a monthly temperance meeting. This Conference continues the admirable plan of employing a missionary to visit the most destitute towns within its limits, preach Christ from house to house, and hold meetings in school-houses, kitchens, barns and groves. This year the Maine Missionary Society joins hands with Oxford Conference, and will pay half the expense. The missionary, Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, is cordially received wherever he goes. It seems to me, brethren, that here is one of the most practical suggestions as to the way for us to take hold of the work demanded in most of our Conferences. Let us follow the example of Oxford.

*Union Conference*, with seventeen churches has but two settled pastors, and six acting pastors. Some of these supply more than one church, yet three or four churches are now without preaching or ministerial supervision. Seven members have been added to the churches by confession of faith and six by letter. These thirteen additions are sadly overbalanced by the forty-four removals which the year has brought. Contributions are less than last year, but some of the churches, as e. g. those at Hiram, North and South Bridgton, Fryeburg, and Waterford, deserve special commendation for the systematic fidelity with which they help the great work of Christ on earth. At Waterford an excellent work has been done in the formation of a Young Ladies' Mission Circle, which has contribute \$30 to the American Board besides doing much to increase the information of its members upon missionary subjects. Are there pastors or Christian people here to-day asking with anxious hearts, How shall we remedy the dullness and deadness in our church? Form some of your young people into such a missionary society.

In the *Cumberland North Conference*, the additions by confession of faith were forty-eight, two more than the year previous. But the total removals were ninety, while the total additions were but seventy-seven, leaving a net loss of thirteen. Freeport received fourteen by confession; New Gloucester, 7; Lewiston, 6, and nine other churches varying numbers. Nine churches received none by confession. Benevolent contributions are nearly \$1000 more than last year, and about forty more families are reported in the congregations. High street church, in

urn has lost its vigilant pastor, Rev. A. P. Tinker. Brunswick has leased a new organ and made other improvements. Cumberland has started the weekly offering system, and formed a Society of Christian Labor. Both Freeport and South Freeport have been blessed with special work of grace during the year, beginning with the week of prayer. Freeport has formed a Society of Christian Endeavor. South Freeport has provided itself with a comfortable vestry, and repaired the church edifice at a cost of \$600. Minot West and Hebron suffer because the adversary still succeeds in keeping the people of different denominations from uniting heartily in the work of the one God. Rev. H. H. Osgood has closed his labors at North Yarmouth. Charles A. White has become pastor at Mechanic Falls, and Rev. J. McGown at Turner. Bowdoin College reports that the "Praying Society" which has so long existed, has been changed to a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, with happy results. A large number of additional members have been secured, and a new interest in Christian work developed. Daily prayer-meetings have been maintained during a considerable part of the year, Bible classes well sustained in each of the four classes, and addresses made to the students by members of the Faculty, on Sunday afternoons. The College asks for the prayers of these young brethren, and most assuredly it will receive affectionate remembrance and earnest prayers. Before leaving Cumberland North, I will add that to one of its members, more than to any other man, we owe it that the divorce laws which have disgraced the statute books of Maine, have this year been brought nearer conformity with the law of Almighty God.

*Cumberland Conference* has lost two very valuable pastors, Rev. Charles A. Dickinson from the Second Parish church, and Dr. J. C. Crook from the West church in Portland. It has received Rev. J. T. Bayley at State street church, Rev. G. W. Jones at Scarborough, Rev. R. S. Whidden at Standish. The additions to the churches were more than in either of the five previous years. They are by profession one hundred and thirty-three against one hundred and nine last year, two hundred and eleven against one hundred and eighty-four last year. Sixteen of the churches received one or more persons on confession of faith. The additions exceed the removals by sixty-five. Three hundred and three more families are reported in the congregations. Voluntary contributions are \$3,485 more than last year. The faithful

church in Standish has received eleven members by profession. looks forward to greater things. The church in Baldwin, under labors of Rev. Mr. Pitts, is growing in spirituality and hope. A prominent feature in the work of most of the churches is effort in various forms to benefit the young people, and enlist them in Christian service. At Falmouth the pastor instructs a class of young people in the Gospel Catechism. At Saccarappa the pastor's wife has organized a Young People's Society of Gleaners, which has raised \$46 for benevolent purposes. The pastor, by invitation of the Reform Club, has a Bible Wednesday evenings, with an attendance of from fifteen to twenty. Valuable young people's meetings are held at Cape Elizabeth, at the State St. church in Portland. At Gorham the pastor holds a weekly young people's meeting during part of the year, using Dr. Scofield's "Christian Catechism" as a text book. Ten of the most valuable and promising young people, eight of them young men, have united with that church by confession of faith. The difficult work of Rev. Mr. Wilson, in the Abyssinian church in Portland, has been cheered by increasing attendance and interest, and two conversions. Scarborough is completing a parsonage, and a few cases of hopeful conversion. Williston church celebrated on February 4th its tenth anniversary. All are aware of the remarkable and delightful growth which this church has enjoyed. In less than seven years it has gained two hundred and sixty members, largely by confession of faith. I give the four reasons which the pastor specifies for the prosperity of the church: First, the presence of the Holy Spirit. Second, the spirit in which the church is founded—free from ill-will, envy, or desire to proselyte. Third, complete harmony which has characterized it. Fourth, the special blessing for the young which has always been prominent. The Second Church in Portland continues its many forms of useful activity. In this church, the second annual Conference of Societies of Christian Endeavor was held June 7. It was reported there that some three hundred of these societies now exist in the United States. In Maine there are at least twenty-one; sixteen of them in Congregational churches. The church at Woodford's has been remarkably blessed during the year, and in its experience there is profound encouragement for us all. At some time, notwithstanding much faithful effort, there had seemed a depressing lack of spiritual results. The pastor and a few members agonized with God in prayer for a change. They consecrated

selves to personal work for Christ. The pastor invited the young people who were members of the church to his study, and asked their help. He established a meeting for the children, and formed a Society of Christian Endeavor. He sent a pastoral letter to every Christian in the congregation, inclosing a pledge of new consecration. Soon the evident blessing of God was granted, and gradually many entered upon the new life in Christ Jesus, of whom thirty-three have thus far been received to the church. The converts number more young men than young women, and a good many adult men, six of them with their wives. They are all very steadfast and engaged in useful Christian service. During the latter part of the meetings, the pastor was assisted by Rev. R. S. Underwood, the evangelist; but it was plain that the blessing came in answer to the heartfelt cry of the pastor and the praying people of the church. Brethren and sisters in all the churches, let us receive the encouragement. God grant that the new year may hear from many the cry, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

One event of interest not only to Cumberland Conference, but to us all, is the celebration by the "Christian Mirror" of its sixtieth birthday. The paper belongs to the churches. As now conducted it is an honor and a help to them. Let it have our subscriptions and our prayers.

*York Conference* reports that its twenty-eight churches have received by confession sixty members; by letter, eighteen: total, seventy-eight. They have lost sixty-nine, which leaves a net gain of nine. The largest additions have been at Limington, which received twenty-nine by profession, at Wells Second church seven, Lebanon six, Elliot five, and Cornish four. Three church edifices have been repaired and improved quite extensively, those of Lyman, So. Berwick, and the First church in York, the last at a cost of \$8,000. The Pavilion church in Biddeford has held a series of meetings lasting four weeks, led by Mr. Whittier, the evangelist. There were few obvious conversions, but a knitting of the church in closer fellowship, and a strong feeling of encouragement for the future. The Second church in Wells have held a series of meetings, with preaching by Rev. Mr. Underwood. A number of conversions resulted, but the church as a body did not seem to be very much roused and prompted to personal effort. A more general revival is reported at Limington, where about sixty hopeful conversions occurred. This also was partly in connection with the labors of two evangelists from Portland.

**SUMMARY.**—The Summary of the statistics is as follows : Number of settled pastors fifty-two, which is fourteen less than last year ; acting-pastors eighty-four, which is one less. Ministers without charge fifty-two, last year forty. Total number of ministers, one hundred and eighty-eight, three less than then ; licentiates fourteen ; which is one less. The total number of Churches is two hundred and forty-seven, three more than last year. Dixfield is dropped from the list, while new churches have been formed in Vassalboro, South Gardiner, Bar Harbor, and Jonesboro. Fifty-four of these churches have pastors, one hundred acting pastors ; twenty-one are supplied by licentiates, and seventy-two are without regular preaching. The number of vacant churches is fourteen more than last year, though in several of these cases arrangements are now in progress for preaching. The additions to the churches have been, by profession of faith, four hundred and sixty-two, by letter two hundred and fifty-seven ; total seven hundred and nineteen. The removals, by death four hundred and twenty-one, by dismission three hundred and eight, by discipline fifty ; total seven hundred and seventy-nine. We have therefore suffered a net loss in our membership of sixty. Five conferences have gained in membership, viz., Cumberland, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, and York. The other ten have lost. It is a fact to afford some satisfaction that the additions by profession exceed the deaths by forty-one. The baptisms of adults were three hundred and nineteen. The infant baptisms seventy, which is fifty-two less than last year. The membership of our Sabbath-schools is twenty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-six. The number of families in two hundred and nineteen of our congregations is fourteen thousand five hundred and eight ;—in the remaining twenty-eight, not reported, it is estimated there are seven hundred and eleven families,—making a total of fifteen thousand two hundred and nineteen. After the report of loss in other directions, I am thankful to give better news as to benevolent contributions. Gifts to Foreign Missions have been \$13,928, which is \$3,750 more than last year ; to Home Missions \$11,907, a gain of \$1,409 ; to the American Missionary Association \$3,950, a gain of \$288 ; to college and educational societies \$2,410, a gain of \$1,776 ; to other objects \$12,064, a gain of \$1,054. To only one object have our churches given less, the Congregational Union, which has received \$762, a falling off of \$187 from the year before. Perhaps they were afraid it would be too sectarian to give much to a society whose name



implied that it was Congregational! The total benevolent gifts of the year are \$45,022, an advance of \$6,857 upon the year before. And one of the most gratifying facts about this gain is that it is not local, but shared by twelve out of our fifteen Conferences.

I can but feel, brethren, that this is a bow of promise in the sky which is somewhat overclouded to-day. God will not forsake his people when they are with growing consecration bringing the tithes into his storehouse. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." At the same time, the state of our churches demands of us a consideration more prayerful, earnest, and practical than ever we have given it before. It will be recreancy to duty, if we part from this Conference without inaugurating some measures which shall help the waste places of our Zion.

What ought we to do? Others will discuss that question, but let me briefly hint some things which I believe are vital.

One of them is, *Have faith in God*. Let us give no heed to doubt or fear. There have been ways to meet past needs, and there are ways to meet present needs. Christian brethren, value the work which *has* been done this year. Thank God for it. You have not been working in vain. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

But we cannot feel too intensely, that the need of a new baptism from on high is very great. During the past quarter of a century, there have been but four years when our churches reported larger losses than gains, and two of these were year before last and the present. The need of all needs,—the gift which God *never* refuses his praying people, is the one about which we have been constantly studying in the Sabbath School lessons of the year,—the gift of the Divine Spirit. What shall we do? We must ask our Heavenly Father for the Holy Spirit. We must seek it individually, in our own hearts. We must make this the great subject in our local Conferences. We must get our people to thinking of it, and praying over it, until we realize that the same Heavenly power is with us which was with the imitative church. And one of our chief needs is a deeper practical appreciation of the *constant* presence of the Holy Spirit with God's living people. Many a time Christian men, reporting the state of things in a church or Conference for the year, say, "There have been revivals,"—as though that were the long and short of the whole mat-

ter. But brethren, if you have not been favored with a revival, have you seen the blessed working of the Holy Spirit in individual conversions, and in Christian growth? When we learn, in all the churches, to look for the presence of the Holy Spirit, *continually*, in every season of worship, in every endeavor to do good, we shall enter upon a new era of power.

Again, one of the pre-eminent demands of the hour,—a call of God so plain that we shall be criminal if we do not heed it, is to *the more faithful Christian nurture of the children*. Wherever throughout the bounds of this Maine General Conference that work is being done, there is bright hope for the future. Wherever it is being neglected, there is weighty reason for fear. Are many of our churches weakened by emigration? Do our young people go away? Let not even this lead us to despondency, so much as to a holy purpose, that by God's blessing the children shall be won to Christ before they go. Pastors, Sabbath School teachers, parents, do we believe with our hearts in the early conversion of the children, and are we living for it? More than this, are we in these old Congregational churches, setting before our young people a high ideal of the Christian life? Are we educating them to noble Christian purposes? Brethren, it is peculiarly in the line of the best work our own body of churches has done, to form the young to an intelligent, broad, spiritual type of Christian character. Inspire in the boys and girls such aspirations, that hereafter some of them shall be large hearted Christian farmers, mechanics and merchants; some Christian teachers who honor their high calling,—some Christian editors, wielding their great power for God, some upright Christian lawyers, who recommend Jesus Christ. In our towns and villages, are the young people all feeling the uplifting, holy impulse, which springs from the old church?

It is when we are thus guiding our young people in general to high aims, that we are giving the one genuine answer to that other question which presses upon us to-day. What shall we do to provide an efficient *ministry* for the smaller churches of Maine? Thirteen churches in Washington Conference reported this year as without ministers! Nine in York; six in Union; seventy-two in the whole State. What is the reason of such lack? What is the prospect for the future?

One of the Professors in our Seminary at Bangor informs me that

During the past ten years, of the one hundred and ten graduates from the Seminary, only twenty-three came from the Congregational churches of this State, or a proportion of only one-fifth. And of these, very few came from the larger churches; only one from all the Portland churches, one from Auburn, one from Bangor; none from Lewiston, Augusta, Belfast, Bath, and a good many more of the larger churches. Some have gone from these churches to other Seminaries, but no one can doubt that these figures reveal a real and ominous peril.

How is it to be averted? I say earnestly, in view of recent discussions, do not make the pecuniary aspects of the matter prominent. Some of the noblest and manliest young men who have entered the ministry have found it absolutely necessary to receive help, and some other such will. But let that be wholly an after question. The men whom Christ calls, and whom the world needs, will give themselves in spirit to the Master's work before they think or know how the loved object is to be gained.

Some of the churches, or some members of them, deserve severe rebuke for their fickleness, and the triviality of the reasons for which they criticise and drive off faithful pastors. This unchristian, ungodly conduct keeps some manly young men out of the ministry. "We beseech you, brethren, to regard them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."

But the great answer to our question,—the answer which rises far above all others in importance, is, we need a new spirit of *consecration to the children to Christ in Christian homes*. Parents, in relation to their own precious sons and daughters, must offer the prayer which Jesus inculcated, "Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers into thy harvest." Churches, in the spirit of Christian households, must beseech and inspire their young people with the self-sacrificing love of His Kingdom. Have you any doubt, fathers and brethren, that it was *this* spirit which gave to Maine the Thurstons, Adamses, Sewalls and other truly pastors of former days?

The Lord send upon us all the spirit of wisdom and counsel to plan work for His Kingdom.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the Year ending May 6, 1883.

ARROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.										Ch. Members May 6, 1883.										Contributions—(Dollars.)																																		
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissal.	Death.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 6, 1883.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.																										
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•As last year. †Union School.

(.) \$1.25 of this amount for Sunday School Library and Repairs on Union Meeting House. †Repairs on Meeting House.

# CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, REPORTED BY REV. EDWARD S. TEAD, of Cumberland Mills.

CHURCHES.			MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r.		Removed dur'g y'r.		Contributions—(Dollars.)															
Place and Name.		Organized.	Name.		Ordained.		Installed, or present.								Foreign Missions.		College and Education.		Home Missions.		Am. Miss'y Association.		Other Objects.		Total Amount.		Home Expenditure.		
			Pastor, Acting Pastor.						Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismission.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No., May, 1883.	Families, May, 1883.									
Baldwin .....		1821 May 16	Eddy T. Pitts.....	A. P.	1882 Feb. 8	1882 Apr. 25	6	27	66	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cape Elizabeth, First....		1734 Sept. 10	Edwin A. Harlow.....	P. P.	1863 Aug. 26	1871 Nov. 21	14	46	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cape Elizabeth, Ligonie.		1869 Mar. 14	William C. Jones.....	S. D.	1882 June 10	1882 June 10	23	35	58	2	7	11	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Cum'd Mills, Warren Ch.		1859 Sept. 30	Edward S. Tead.....	P. S.	1878 Sept. 17	1878 Sept. 17	45	96	135	28	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Deering, First.....		1795 Apr. 8	Vacant.....				8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Deering, Woodford's Cor.		1872 Sept. 4	S. Winchester Adriaance	P. P.	1877 May 23	1880 Oct. 21	48	86	128	19	33	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Falmouth, First.....		1754 June	Arthur N. Ward.....	P. P.	1870 Feb. 25	1879 Feb. 25	24	71	95	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Falmouth, Second.....		1830 Sept. 15	William H. Haskell.....	A. P. P.	1863 Mar. 17	1869 Jan. 1	26	66	92	32	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Gorham .....		1750 Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington..	P. P.	1866 Jan. 31	1877 June 11	79	179	258	54	10	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Second Parish.....		1787 Nov. 30	Vacant.....				104	353	457	79	3	7	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
High Street.....		1831 Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.....	P. P.	1859 Feb. 20	1866 July 25	105	269	395	84	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Fourth .....		1835 Aug. 2	John G. Wilson.....	A. P.	1851 Dec. 12	1880 June 11	15	11	14	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Bethel .....		1840 Sept. 24	Francis Southworth..	P. P.	1857 Oct. 28	1866 June 11	36	83	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
State Street.....		1852 Mar. 17	Frank T. Bayley.....	P. P.	1873 Sept. 13	1883 Apr. 12	17	269	386	50	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
St. Lawrence Street..		1858 Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.....	P. P.	1866 Nov. 1	1871 Apr. 19	70	148	224	55	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
West .....		1862 Sept. 17	John C. Holbrook, Jr.	P. P.	1842 May 19	1881 Nov. 20	54	77	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Plymouth .....		1869 Dec. 27	Dwight M. Seward, D.D.	P. P.	1876 Oct. 19	1876 Oct. 19	100	241	341	36	25	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23		
Williston .....		1873 Feb. 5	Frank E. Clark.....	P. P.	1876 Feb. 5	1881 Oct. 12	61	159	211	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Saccarappa, Second..		1812 Jan. 12	Edward E. Jones.....	P. P.	1877 Sept. 13	1881 Oct. 15	41	108	149	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Scarboro .....		1773 Jan. 17	Gustavus W. Jones.....	A. P. P.	1860 May 27	1882 May 28	21	35	56	11	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Standish .....		1834 Feb. 5	Richard S. Whidden..	A. P.	1870 Nov. 19	1882 May 28	5	33	40	4	11	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13		
Windham .....		1743 Dec. 11	Luther Wiswall.....	P. P.	1837 Aug. 12	1854 Sept. 3	14	43	57	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Twenty-two.							975	2386	3361	604	133	78	211	63	52	31	146	85	10	388	1253	4275	312	160	373	1284	7334	17666	49033

(1.) Resigned June 24, Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, from July 1. \*Of this \$20 from Williston Ch., Portland, for Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society.



# FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 6, 1883.			Added dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g y'r.			Contributions—(Dollars.)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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(1.) Installed Pastor, June 5, 1883.

(2.) Rev. Isaac H. Libbey supplied from July, 1882, to Jan'y 1883.

\*Union Sunday Schools.

# HANCOCK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Mt. Desert.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.						Ch. Members May 6, 1883.	Added dur'g y'r.	Removed dur'g y'r.	Contributions—(Dollars.)																			
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present.				Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 6, 1883.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.
Amherst and Aurora.....	1830 Sept. 14	1882 July 2	William Haynes.....	A. P. 1882 July 2	1882 July 9	1882 July 9	13	41	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	138
Bar Harbor (Mt. Desert).....	1882 Sept. 19	1882 Sept. 19	Alfred J. McGown.....	A. P. 1882 Sept. 19	1882 Sept. 19	1882 Sept. 19	31	11	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	11
Bluehill.....	1872 Oct. 7	1883 June 1	Vacant.....	Lic. 1883 June 1	1883 June 1	1883 June 1	45	59	104	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	2000
Brooksville, West.....	1836 June 4	1883 June 1	James D. Smiley.....	Lic. 1883 June 1	1883 June 1	1883 June 1	45	99	144	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	2000
Bucksport, Elm Street.....	1833 May 12	1883 June 1	William Forsyth.....	P. 1883 June 1	1883 June 1	1883 June 1	36	99	135	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	256	1800
Castine.....	1820 July 27	1883 June 1	Vacant.....	P. 1883 June 1	1883 June 1	1883 June 1	14	65	79	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	56	
Deer Isle, First.....	1873 Aug. 1	1883 Apr. 1	Charles H. Gates.....	A. P. 1883 Apr. 1	1883 Apr. 1	1883 Apr. 1	42	120	162	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	256	1800
Deer Isle, Second.....	1853 Dec. 8	1883 Apr. 1	Charles W. Huntington	A. P. 1883 Apr. 1	1883 Apr. 1	1883 Apr. 1	11	20	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	55
Ellsworth.....	1812 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	Charles W. Huntington	P. 1883 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	28	119	147	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	484	2782
Isle au Haut.....	1857 May 7	1883 Sept. 8	Vacant, (1)	P. 1883 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	11	12	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Orland.....	1850 Sept. 25	1883 Sept. 8	William Forsyth.....	A. P. 1883 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	1883 Sept. 8	26	34	60	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	55	
Sedgewick and Brooksville.....	1873 July 8	1883 July 1	Henry B. Hart (a.).....	A. P. 1883 July 1	1883 July 1	1883 July 1	9	17	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	
Sedgewick Village.....	1847 Oct. 28	1883 Oct. 28	Vacant.....	A. P. 1883 Oct. 28	1883 Oct. 28	1883 Oct. 28	5	7	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	108	
Somesville.....	1870 Dec. 21	1883 May 18	Albert N. Jones (a.).....	A. P. 1883 May 18	1883 May 18	1883 May 18	7	21	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	220	
Tremont (Mt. Desert).....	1872 Oct. 17	1883 May 18	Vacant, (3.).....	A. P. 1883 May 18	1883 May 18	1883 May 18	12	53	65	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	220	
Fifteen.							282	743	1025	200	14	7	2117	6	4	27	8	1	892	547	418	55	0	0	0	0	1446	7423	

(1) Charles L. Skinner, Lic. from June 10, 1883. (2) to Dec. 31, 1882. (3) Rev. A. N. Jones, to Dec. 31, 1882, then Rev. Timothy Lyman, until his death, March 18, 1883.  
 (a.) Last year's report. 125 of these in school at North Castine. 180 in Sunday School, Lerry Gates, acting Superintendent; also 50 in branch school at S.W. Harbor.  
 \$ 150 families. \$ 3254. (Last four items not reported in season for table.) \* Not reported.



# KENNEREC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r., dur'g y'r.			Contributions—(Dollars.)				
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Total.
Augusta.....	1704 Oct. 7	Vacant..... (1)			69	181	250	39	1	0	1	0	0	1
Benton.....	1858 July 10	John Dinmore.....	A. P. 1852 Nov. 18	1882 Feb. 1	11	37	48	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton.....	1858 July 15	Vacant.....			1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardiner.....	1835 July 28	Edgar F. Davis.....	A. P. 1878 Aug. 8	1881 Feb. 1	36	114	150	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardiner, South.....	1883 Jan. 23	Frederick Newport.....	P. 1883 Jan. 30	1883 Jan. 30	35	8	43	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hallowell.....	1790 Feb. 25	Edward Chase.....	A. P. 1803 Jan. 8	1883 June 17	38	127	165	39	4	0	0	0	0	0
Litchfield.....	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes.....	A. P. 1828 Jan. 23	1865 July 1	22	35	57	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monmouth.....	1853 May 17	John B. Carruthers.....	A. P. 1883 June 12	1882 Apr. 1	21	43	64	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsboro.....	1812 Nov. 8	Sup'd from Bangor Sem.			7	21	28	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond.....	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis.....	A. P. 1863 Sept. 1	1868 May 24	9	39	48	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sidney.....	1820 Feb. 25	Vacant.....			4	5	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassalboro, Riverside.....	1816 July 28	Frederic G. Chutter.....	.....	1882 Jan. 1	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Adams' Memorial.....	1881 Mar. 28	Frederic G. Chutter.....	.....	1882 July 1	9	19	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterville.....	1828 Aug. 21	Ezra N. Smith.....	A. P. 1872 June 12	1877 July 18	128	102	230	59	3	0	3	0	0	0
Winslow.....	1828 Aug. 27	Ezra N. Smith.....	A. P. 1872 June 12	1882 Oct. 1	28	57	85	38	0	1	1	0	0	0
Winthrop.....	1776 Sept. 4	William F. Obeart.....	P. 1868 Oct. 14	1881 Oct. 19	40	106	146	53	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sixteen.....					366	930	1296	356	36,200	50,191	1,391	1,004	1,337	451

(1.) Rev. Henry E. Mott, dis. Octo. 31, 1882.

\*Union School.

† \$2.00 of this, for vestry.



# OXFORD CONFERENCE, Reported by Arthur W. Valentine, of Bethel.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Contributions—(Dollars.)																
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed, or present.	Ch. Members May 6, 1883.			Added dur'g y'r., dur'g y'r.				Removed dur'g y'r., dur'g y'r.				Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.								
Andover.....	1800 Nov. 8	Charles Dame.....	A. P. 1830 May 20 1881 June 5	Ministry commenced.	27	47	74	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	600	
Berlin Falls, N. H. . . . .	1877 Nov. 22	Albert Donnell.....	P. 1883 June 27 1883 June 2		6	23	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	1058	
Bethel, First.....	1799 Oct. 7	Stephen L. Bowler.....	P. 1853 Jan. 5 1879 Oct. 30		46	105	151	32	4	4	6	4	10	0	1	100	96	0	0	0	222	550	
Bethel, Second.....	1849 Jan. 31	David Garland.....	P. 1849 Aug. 15 1849 Aug. 15		14	29	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	13	
Gilead.....	1818 June 20	Thomas P. Williams.....	P. 1849 Oct. 8 1879 June 15		94	37	131	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	
Gorham, N. H. . . . .	1802 Mar. 18	Theodore C. Jerome.....	A. P. 1872 July 2 1882 Oct. 4		13	39	52	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	600	
Norway, First.....	1802 Oct. 6	Vacant.....			90	28	118	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000		
Norway, Second.....	1853 Jan. 18	Alexander Wiswall.....	A. P. 1879 Sept. 24 1881 April		41	89	130	42	2	11	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	
Oxford.....	1836 May 31	Vacant (1).....			15	34	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	
Rutland.....	1803 May 5	Vacant (2).....			3	20	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	150	
Shelburne, N. H. . . . .	1826 Aug. 20	Thomas P. Williams.....	P. 1879 Oct. 8 1879 June 15		3	11	14	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	185	
South Paris.....	1812 Nov. 4	Edmond C. Ingalls (3).....	A. P. 1877 July 16 1881 Jan. 17		46	108	154	47	3	3	3	3	1	7	162	68	0	0	0	0	179	1600	
Sumner.....	1802 Sept. 8	Gilman Rice.....	A. P. 1881 Oct. 12 1879 Jan. 4		22	6	28	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	
Upton.....	1861 Mar. 19	Vacant.....			4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Fourteen.....					158	606	864	211	2115	367	104	27	11	21008	225	4159	107	109111	86	6978			

(1.) George Gaswell Creasey, Lic., four months from May 27, 1881,—Church reported July 30,—in Sabbath School, 53; Families, 39; Home expenditures, on church edifice, \$600.  
 (2.) Rev. J. A. Jones, 3 mos. from June 18, 1882. (3.) Installed Pastor, Aug. 1, 1883.

# PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, Reported by Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g y'r.			Contributions—(Dollars.)															
Place and Name.		Organized.		Name.		Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No., May 6, 1883.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Bangor, First Church	1811 Nov. 27	Charles J. H. Ropes (1)	A. P.	1877 Aug. 15	1881 Sept. 1	60	183	243	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
" Hammond ch.	1813 Dec. 5	Henry L. Griffin	P.	1871 Oct. 1	1881 Dec. 28	114	240	354	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
" Central ch.	1817 Aug. 1	George W. Field	P.	1853 Nov. 15	1864 Mch. 20	106	314	420	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
" East	1817 Aug. 1	Supplied from Bangor	Sema.			18	26	44	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Brewer, First ch.	1800 Sept. 7	Nathan H. Harriman (3)	A. P.	Licentiate.	1882 Dec. 1	18	26	44	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
" Village.	1813 Jan. 18	James Alexander	A. P.	1882 May 7	1883 Apr. 1	18	26	44	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Burlington.	1817 July 12	Samuel W. Chapin	A. P.	1882 May 7	1883 Dec. 24	11	34	45	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Dedham.	1821 Dec. 13	James D. Smiley (4)	Lic.	1883 June 1		15	38	53	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Dixmont and Plymouth.	1821 Sep. 12	Vacant (5)				19	70	89	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Hampden	1817 May 6	Charles D. Crane (6)	A. P.	1879 June 11	1881 Jan. 1	19	70	89	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Holden.	1828 Nov. 11	James D. Smiley (4)	Lic.	1882 Mch. 1		43	46	90	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Kenduskeag	1834 Dec. 23	Supplied from Bangor	Sema.			19	34	53	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Lincoln	1831 Aug. 31	H. H. Acton	Lic.	1880 Oct. 13		7	18	25	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Oldtown	1834 Sep. 24	Henry A. Freeman	P.	1880 Oct. 13	1880 Oct. 13	23	62	85	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Orono	1836 May 18	Charles B. Wadlen	A. P.	1883 June 14	1883 June 14	33	60	93	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Orrington, East.	1834 June 12	James Alexander	A. P.	1883 May 7	1883 Apr. 1	35	50	75	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Upper Stillwater	1850 Oct. 6	Charles B. Wadlen	A. P.	1883 June 14	1883 June 14	1	13	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Venazie	1838 June 19	Vacant (5)				13	25	38	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	
Eighteen.						4580	177	1057	176	40	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	50	91	0	243	10	200	550	1700	4580

(1.) Nathan H. Harriman, from June 1, 1883. 2.) Rev. J. B. Hawes, and J. C. Agunier, Lic. in 1882. Wm. C. Jones, Lic. from June 1, 1883, four months. 3.) Rev. Benjamin

United with other denominations 7. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

# PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r.				Removed dur'g y'r.				Contributions—(Dollars.)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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Abbott Village.	1875 Nov. 23		Vacant (1)							10	17	27	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(1.) Geo. M. Sanborne, Lic., three mos. from July 1, 1882. (2. Resigned June, 1883, and accepts call to Bridgton, Me., James W. Strout, Lic., supplying from June 10, 1883.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE, Reported by Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r.				Removed dur'g y'r.				Contributions—(Dollars.)												
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r.				Removed dur'g y'r.				Contributions—(Dollars.)												
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. 6, 1883.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Anson.....	1864 Apr. 10	John Dinsmore.....	A. P.	1882 Nov. 18	May 13	13	24	37	10	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	52	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	37	100
Anson, North.....	1881 Dec. 22	Supplied from Bangor Sem. (1)		.....	.....	11	9	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	300
Athens.....	1867 June 6	Vacant (2)		.....	.....	11	22	33	10	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	104	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	200
Bingham.....	1867 July 24	George L. Edwards (3)	Lic.	1882 July	.....	17	26	43	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	450
Madison.....	1826 Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell	A. P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	31	39	70	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	150	0	100	0	14	0	25	0	0	0	43	450
Madison, East.....	1858 Mar. 24	Vacant (4)		.....	.....	11	18	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	0	50	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	15	150
Mercer.....	1822 Oct. 30	Charles S. Wilder.....	Lic.	1882 July 9	.....	22	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	150
New Portland, North	1860 May 27	John G. Fogg.....	Lic.	.....	.....	3	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Norridgewock.....	1797 Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D. D.	P.	1818 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	25	61	86	29	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	500	0	125	0	195	0	30	40	10	275	500	
Skowhegan, Island Ave.	1860 Nov. 1	Almon I. Rackliff.....	P.	1882 June 13	1882 June 13	56	146	202	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	0	220	0	140	103	0	0	0	70	990	
Solon.....	1842 Jan. 5	Robert M. Peacock.....	A. P.	1880 June 23	1880 May 13	13	20	33	7	1	0	5	4	0	0	0	300	0	50	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	52	300
Solon, South.....	1866 Sept. 30	Vacant.....		.....	.....	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans.....	1819 June 20	William S. Sewall.....	A. P.	1839 Sept. 25	1864 June 10	6	14	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	120
Thirteen.....						101	405	590	157	7	10	17	13	10	2	35	6	21005	400	38	12	0	193	125	125	0	835	4064

(1.) F. T. McLeod, Lic., three months, and C. B. Wathen, Lic., six months from July 1, 1882. (2.) Frank A. Mansfield, Lic., three months from June 17, 1883, supplying also at Brighton and Mayfield. (3.) T. P. Williams, Lic., three months from July 1, 1882. (4.) Rev. O. J. Hancock, from July 1, 1882; James E. Aikens, Lic., three months from June 10, 1883.

\* Union Schools.

# UNION CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford.

## CHURCH.

CHURCH.	MINISTERS.										Contributions—(Dollars.)															
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed, or present.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Removed during y'r.	Added during y'r.	Wholen No. May 6, 1884.	Sabbath School.	Baptized—Infants.	Baptized—Adults.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditure.
Albany.		1833 S. pt. 15.	G. T. W. Patrick (1).	Lt.	1885 May 27	21	3	24	43	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175
Bridgton.		1784 Aug. 23	Vacant (2)	P.	1874 May 15	45	120	165	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Bridgton, North.		1834 Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.	P.	1874 May 15	14	40	54	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	437
Bridgton, South.		1840 Dec. 3	William B. Hague.	P.	1880 Sept. 31	38	72	110	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
Brownfield.		1844 Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan.	A. P.	1857 Dec. 17	15	23	38	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160
Casco.		1804 Sept. 19	Vacant (3)			13	15	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	515
Denmark.		1840 July 5	Vacant (4)			3	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Fryeburg.		1775 Aug. 21	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	A. P.	1849 Jan. 15	39	89	128	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Harrison.		1846 Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.	P.	1874 May 15	16	24	40	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
Hiram.		1840 Oct. 23	Zenas Crowell.	A. P.	1877 Dec. 10	4	17	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260
Lowell.		1798 Oct. 6	Lewis Godrich.	A. P.	1850 Jan. 1	41	82	123	41	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Naples.		1858 Aug. 10	Vacant.			17	23	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Otisfield.		1797 Oct. 23	Vacant.			16	35	51	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Stowe & Chatham, N. H.		1861 Oct. 23	Henry Farrar.	A. P.	1877 N. v. 6	14	25	39	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	188
Sweden.		1817 Nov. 4	Lewis Godrich.	A. P.	1850 Jan. 1	11	19	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Waterford.		1799 Oct. 2	Jehiel S. Richards.	A. P.	1877 June 21	12	60	72	33	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	515
Waterford, North.		1835 June 20	Vacant (5)			15	34	49	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
Seventeen.						318	745	1063	318	7	6	13	27	17	44	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	721

(1.) Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, four months from July 1, 1882. (2.) Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, Pastor, left Feb. 1, 1883; Rev. Thomas M. Davies: accepts call July 1, 1883. (3.) Rev. J. H. Libbey, May to Aug., 1882; Rev. Wakeley from June, 1883. (4.) T. W. Minnis, Lic., four months from July 1, 1882, and M. W. Adams, Lic., four months from June, 1883. (5.) Rev. Joseph Garland, ord. Dec., 1847, a. p. from July 1, 1883. \*Twenty-nve; not reported in season for table.

# WALDO CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 6, 1883.		Added dur'g y'r.					Removed dur'g y'r.					Contributions—(Dollars.)												
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School. Whole No. May 6, 1883.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.			
Belfast, First	1796 Dec. 20	John A. Ross	P.	1854 June	1873 Sept. 14	18	8	101	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	70	0	0	4	100	31	0	220	704	
Belfast, North	1846 Sept. 24	Vacant (1)				5	20	25	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	72	
Camden	1805 Sept. 11	Wellington R. Cross	P.	1865 Sept.	71876 Nov. 18	21	105	137	25	18	1	16	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	55	12	0	0	0	10	0	32	1450	300	
Frankfort	1857 Nov. 18	Supplied from Bangor	Se m.	(2)		27	29	56	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197	200
Freedom	1858 Apr. 14	Charles S. Wilder (3)	Lic.			25	34	59	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	150
Jackson and Brooks	1812 Oct. 6	Vacant (4)				26	44	70	20	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockport	1854 June 12	Wellington R. Cross (5)	A. P.	1865 Sept.	71882 Jan. 1	20	28	48	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Point	1824 Oct. 16	Daniel W. Hardy	A. P.	1874 Oct.	201881 Jan. 1	24	43	67	18	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Searsport, First	1815 Oct. 4	Benjamin B. Merrill (6)	P.	1876 Nov.	91876 Nov. 9	46	117	163	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	1050	300
Searsport, Second	1855 Sept. 10	Daniel W. Hardy	A. P.	1874 Oct.	201881 June 1	5	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watersport	1820 Sept. 17	Supplied from Bangor	Se m.	(7)		45	45	90	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eleven.						182	562	752	197	35	6	31	15	10	2	37	24	0	0	748	600	141	4	4	267	16	27	506	5507	1500	

(1.) Supplied 7 weeks in Summer, by Edward H. Hackett, Lic., and 7 weeks in Winter by George M. Sanborne, Lic. (2.) A. G. Pettengill, Lic., 4 months. (3.) W. S. Jerome, Lic., 3 months, and E. C. Wilder, Lic., 4 months, 1883; D. H. Strong, Lic., 4 months from June, 1883. (4.) Robert Kyle, Lic., from June, 1883. (5.) Supplies Sunday afternoons. (6.) Resigns—dismissed by Council March 8, 1883. (7.) Rev. James B. Hawes, and Chas. B. Wathen, from Jan'y 13, 1883, and Rev. J. B. Hawes from May 1, 1883.



# WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Frederick E. Shaw, of East Machias.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 6, 1884.		Added dur'g y'r.		Removed dur'g y'r.		Contributions—(Dollars.)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor,	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 6, 1884.	Families, May 6, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			

(1.) Meeting house occupied by Methodist ch. who have a preacher one-third of the time. Union Sunday School, average 30 to 40. (2.) Rev. George W. Kelley, a p. from Apr. 19, 1877, resigns Apr. 1, 1883. (3.) E. Bushnell, Lic., supplies for a time. (3.) Four months by C. H. Small, Lic. (4.) Rev. R. H. McGown, three months from July 1, 1883; Henry N. Synder, Lic., four months from June, 1883, at Machiasport. (5.) Rev. George A. Marr, a p. from May 14, 1883, resigned Apr. 1, 1884. (6.) Isador W. Smith, Lic., four months. (7.) Rev. E. D. Smith, six months from July 1, 1883. (8.) G. R. Freeman, Lic., four months. \* Fifty families. † Ephraim L. Hanscom, Clerk, reports, of this sum \$56 for painting, etc., church edifice. ‡ \$560. § \$388, not reported in season for table.



Name.	MINISTERS.			CHURCHES.			Church Members May 1, 1883.			Added during yr.			Removed during year.			Gain or Loss.			Contributions. (Dollars.)												
	Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	With Pastors.	With Licentates.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Adults.	Infants.	In Sabbath Schools.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Aroostook.....	186	0	186	1	0	0	1	975	486	1301	33	28	11	5	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	333	19	0	16	0	45	167	3437	
Cumberland.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	975	486	1301	33	28	11	5	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	381	475	1455	3731	1254	7334	17066	40343	
Cumberland North.....	187	0	187	1	0	0	1	819	473	1292	38	20	44	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	202	1034	1455	1144	471	998	6187	26642	
Franklin.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	255	188	743	100	7	16	10	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	705	448	1083	105	41	256	1361	3903	
Hancock.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	366	243	743	102	14	17	4	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	692	547	418	553	164	256	1446	7423	
Kennebec.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	471	143	1806	314	25	19	19	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1147	1004	1337	2052	138	553	203	15386	
Lincoln and Sagadahoc.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	258	166	844	211	15	16	10	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1008	1361	225	159	197	161	815	6578	
Oxford.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	580	377	1057	476	40	21	32	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2209	1412	897	222	1032	639	1661	4818	
Penobscot.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	354	517	702	179	13	10	13	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	818	469	254	7	174	145	39	630	4475
Piscataquis.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	101	405	596	157	7	13	10	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	400	384	12	0	193	125	835	4064
Somerset.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	117	715	1063	318	6	11	17	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	780	662	564	6	106	120	61	722	6845
Union.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	109	579	754	197	25	6	11	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	818	662	564	6	106	120	61	722	6845
Waldo.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	306	1003	1399	251	27	6	11	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1016	434	141	4	267	63	27	556	6507
Washington.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	628	669	1293	494	31	26	35	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1081	420	430	43	667	316	278	2202	28558
York.....	182	0	182	1	0	0	1	628	669	1293	494	31	26	35	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1081	420	430	43	667	316	278	2202	28558
Fifteen.....	5284	24188	44188	54	100	172	247	613	808	2039	47	162	457	104	368	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7612	18037	2817	267	1607	3585	1264	45031	20081

FAMILIES.—Reported connected with the congregations of 219 churches, 14,508; estimate of the remaining 28 churches, 711; total, 15,219.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Of the 247 churches, 146 gave for Foreign Missions, \$13,998; 177 for Home Missions, \$11,997; 105 for American Missionary Association, \$3,960; 43 for the College and Education Society, \$2,410; 43 for American Congregational Union, \$69; 83 for other objects, \$12,004, of which \$60.93 from five churches for Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society; and \$98.58 for New West Education Commission; Seamen's cause, \$600; Am. Tract Society, \$250; total, \$45,022, an increase of \$6,857 over the previous year. The gain is in twelve of the fifteen local conferences.

HOME EXPENDITURES.—Reported by 204 churches, no contributions were reported. Home report too late for the table, \$3,964; total, \$204,244; an increase over last year's report of \$15,466.

ORGANIZATION.—Fifteen Conferences of churches united in a General Conference.

PASTORS INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 6, 1883; two; ordained and installed, three; ordained without installation, three; dismissed, fourteen.

CHURCHES.—with Pastors, 54; with Acting Pastors, 100; supplied by Licentates, 21; vacant, 72; total, 247.

MINISTERS.—Pastors, 52; Acting pastors, 84; others, 52; total, 188.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—Males, 6,131; females, 14,808; total, 20,939, including 4,736 absent.

ADDITIONS.—By Confession, 462; by letter, 257; total, 719.

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GAIN IN five Conferences, 104; loss in ten Conferences, 161.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 119; infants, 70.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS—21,336.



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		Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentates.	With Pastors.	With Licentates.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Adults.	Infants.	In Sabbath Schools, May 6, 1883.	Families, May 6, 1883.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Associat'n.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Arostook	1821	5	2	7	1	0	0	7	92	227	339	351	133	1	5	5	5	14	59	1	6	58	383	533	475	19	0	51	16	1254	45	7334	3437
Cumberland	1821	5	2	7	1	0	0	7	92	227	339	351	133	1	5	5	5	14	59	1	6	58	383	533	475	19	0	51	16	1254	45	7334	3437
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Washington	1821	5	2	7	1	0	0	7	92	227	339	351	133	1	5	5	5	14	59	1	6	58	383	533	475	19	0	51	16	1254	45	7334	3437
York	1821	5	2	7	1	0	0	7	92	227	339	351	133	1	5	5	5	14	59	1	6	58	383	533	475	19	0	51	16	1254	45	7334	3437
Fifteen.		52	5	57	14	54	100	172	4736	480	2039	4736	257	161	101	161	1519	702	1197	3950	702	1197	3950	702	1197	3950	702	1197	3950	702	1197	3950	702

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## COUNTY CONFERENCES.

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### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, Saturday and Sunday before State Conference in  
Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846. Semi-annual meeting, third  
day and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Fort Fair-  
Oct. 14, 15, 1882. Dea. Charles F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, *Moderator*.  
Sermons by Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton. 2d. Rev. George W. St-  
of Patten; 1 Cor. 13: 9, "For we know in part," etc. Theme, Our Me-  
Topics for remark: 1. How can Christian service in the social meet-  
made more efficient? 2. How can we make most of the meeting of the  
Conference, when it shall be held in Aroostook County?

Reports of the churches were made.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Benja-  
Snow, of Houlton, and Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church  
Patten, June 16, 17, 1883. Dea. Charles F. A. Johnson, *Moderator*.  
report from the churches showed a substantial gain during the past  
Topics for discussions: Religious indifference, its cause and cure; S-  
Schools, and Gospel Temperance. Sermons by Rev. Benj. P. Sno-  
Houlton, on Christian Activity, and by Rev. William B. Wright, of B-  
on Health and Freedom, by the Gospel. Mr. Wright was spending his  
tion at Patten, and very kindly lent his assistance in the several sessions  
Conference.

A meeting of the ladies in the interest of the Woman's Maine Miss-  
Auxiliary was well attended, and gave promise of efficient help in the ca-

Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Wm. B. Wright, of Boston, and  
C. Bumpus, of Sherman.

DEDICATION AT PRESQUE ISLE. The meeting house of the church  
Presque Isle, Sept. 17, 1882. It was originally built twenty years ago, but  
the last seven years it has not been occupied. The church during that  
has worshiped in a hall. During the past year an effort was made to  
the church edifice, and with great energy and much self-sacrifice, the p-  
with aid received from abroad, (about \$1100.) have completed the work  
expenditure of \$2000. The foundation walls have been rebuilt, a new  
larger basement frame provided, the ceiling lowered, with new plastering  
frescoing, the high gallery removed and a convenient vestry provided,  
room over it; a recess in the rear of the pulpit; a new and larger furnace  
the building within and without painted; the pews newly arranged, &c.

pulpit and chairs; altogether furnishing a neat, beautiful and attractive house of worship.

The opening service of dedication was an organ voluntary by Miss Katie Johnson, and an anthem by a quartette, comprising Misses Louisa Johnson and Nettie Freeman, and Messrs. Warner Hamilton and G. E. Wilkins.

Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, conducted the service. Mr. A., read selections from the Psalms, the Gospel and the Acts, and lead in a prayer of invocation.

United in singing:—

"Arise! O King of Grace, arise."

Sermon by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary, John 18: 36. The nature, membership, aims and laws of the Kingdom of Christ, in contrast with the kingdoms of this world; of its beneficent power, its final triumph, and of the honor and privilege of belonging to it.

Dea. Chas. F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, made a statement in regard to the rebuilding of the house. A few hundred dollars is due to complete the payments, which he generously assumed, so that the building is presented to the church free from debt. The Dedictory prayer was offered by Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden. Professor Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary, made remarks in reference to the value of a home where all could meet for Sabbath worship, and congratulated the Church and people on the completion of this house.

The choir sung:—

"A mighty fortress is our Lord."

The interesting services closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport.

P. M. The services were continued, opened by singing,

"All hail the power of Jesus name."

The Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield. Sung,

"In the cross of Christ I glory."

Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor, preached a sermon, Luke 22: 42, 43. The prayer of the penitent thief, "Lord remember me," and the Saviour's response, illustrating the nature and power and grace of the Gospel. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. John S. Sewall and W. R. Cross. At the close of these services, Prof. Sewall baptized an infant child at the house of its parents, in the presence of friends and neighbors.

In the evening a social meeting was held, led by Rev. T. E. Brastow. He read the 82d and 137th Psalms, and Rev. W. R. Cross led in prayer. Profs. Sewall and Paine, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of Dexter, Deacons E. F. Duren and A. L. Bourne, of Bangor, and Dea. Johnson of Presque Isle, took part in the service.

United in singing,—

"Come we that love the Lord," and "Take my heart, O Father, take it."

The congratulations and fellowship of the churches, the ministry and the laity were expressed to the church and people of Presque Isle, and recognition was made of the cordiality and abounding hospitality with which the representatives of each had been received. Words of encouragement and counsel were added.

Dea. Johnson expressed the thanks of the church and people for the presence and aid of those who had come from abroad. Bangor Courier Sept. 19; Ch. Mir. Sept. 23.

The church edifice at Sherman has been painted through the efforts of the ladies, and they purpose to raise a further sum for repairs. Rev. I. C. Bumpus has presented the church with a pulpit and chairs made by his own hand.

Rev. GEORGE WALKER CHRISTIE. (Beloit, 1870, Yale and Andover Seminary, 1871-73.) acting pastor at Presque Isle from May, 1883.

Rev. Charles C. Beaman, acting pastor at Houlton, 1837 to 1840, died in Boston, Mass., July 4, 1883, æt 84. (See Necrology.)

Rev. Peter B. Thayer of Garland, spent a few weeks in missionary labor, in the Conference, during the summer.

Rev. William T. Sleeper in Patten and Island Falls, 1860-9, and Caribou 1872-5, has been pastor of the Summer St. Chapel Ch. since 1877. Anniversary services were held May 13.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Caribou, Henry W. Allan; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. George B. Page; Island Falls, Abdon Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Passadumkeag —; Patten, Laroy Miles; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Charles Jackman.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Caribou, J. Ellbridge; (Carroll and Springfield;) Fort Fairfield, L. K. Cary; Houlton, Rev. B. P. Snow; Island Falls, Alpheus Craig; (Lee,) Passadumkeag, (Union,) O. O. Stewart; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, Geo. E. Wilkins; Sherman, Frank M. Caldwell.

Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten, *Scribe, Reporter, and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting in Caribou, September 15, 16, 1883.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1831. The rules provide for a meeting the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of the Conference.

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822. Three sessions during the year. Second Wednesday in June, (Annual Meeting,) and the fourth Wednesday in October and January.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the First church in Falmouth, October 24, 1882. Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, of Woodford's, John 12: 46, "I am come a light into the world," etc. Conference sermon, Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, John 14: 20, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." Topics discussed:—1. Mission work as related to our neighborhood, opened by Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland; 2. A christian's duty to the church and the community in which he lives, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland; 3. Mission work as related to the heathen world at large, Rev. Dwight M. Seward, of Portland; 4. How can our feeble churches be revived and strengthened, Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills; 5. How can we reach non-church goers, William E. Gould, of Portland; 6. Importance of religious instruction at home, Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Gorham; 7. Home piety, Rev. Chas. A. Dickinson, of Portland; 8. How can the meetings of Conference be made more interesting and helpful, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth. Remarks were added by others on the several subjects. Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., gave an address on Missions. There were prayer meetings, and a praise meeting. Verbal Reports from the churches, by pas-



legates. The Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Francis Southard and Dwight M. Seward, D. D., of Portland.

MEETING WITH THE WEST CHURCH. Portland, January 24, 1883. Rev. S. C. Deering, Woodford's, *Moderator*. Conference sermon, Rev. Huntington, of Gorham. 1 Peter 2: 9. The dignity of the christian. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. E. Adams, of Penobscot Conference, and John B. Wheelwright, of Franklin Conference. Subjects for resolution. 1. Relation of parents to the piety of their children, opened by Rev. J. Harlow; 2. The young, the hope of the church, Rev. Frank E. Fenn; 3. The characteristics of primitive christians, Rev. William H. Fenn; 4. The glorious church, Rev. Edward S. Tead; 5. Why should, and how may christianity be sustained and rendered more attractive, interesting and effective, S. W. Adriance; 6. The duty and privilege of church membership, D. Seward; 7. A genuine revival of religion, and how secured, Rev. J. Shaw, of Washington Conference, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of the York Conference, Rev. A. Robertson, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, David Garland, of Oxford Conference, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Cumberland Conference, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Waldo Conference, Eddy T. Pitts, of York Conference, with others, took part in the meeting.

At the close of the afternoon exercises, a collation was served by the ladies, and an enjoyable social interview followed. Nearly every church of the conference was represented, and the sessions were of more than usual interest. At the local conferences were represented.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the Warren church, and Mills, Westbrook, June 13, 1883. Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., of Westbrook church Portland, *Moderator*. Opening devotional meeting led by Rev. G. Wilson, Portland. Discussions.—1. The relations of the church to the young, opened by Rev. Richard S. Whidden, Standish; 2. The door of exit from church membership be widened, opened by a paper by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., editor of the Christian Mirror; 3. The status of modern christians, opened with a paper by Rev. Edward E. Saccarappa; 4. The view of the pulpit from the pew. W. S. Dana, Standish, and others; 5. The true idea of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Rev. T. Bayley, of Portland, and S. W. Adriance, of Deering, (Woodbury). Annual Report of the churches, by Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland. At the adjournment of the afternoon service, two hours were spent in the new hall in social intercourse, and to partake of a bountiful collation served by the ladies of Warren church. A short praise meeting opened the evening session. Conference Sermon, 2:30 P. M., by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Standish, Acts 9: 4. "Saul, Saul!" Theme, God raises up and calls persons to the needs of his church. Lord's Supper following, Revs. Henry S. Southard, of Gorham, and S. Winchester Adriance, presiding.

FRANK TAPPAN BAYLEY, (Bowdoin College, 2 years; Graduated Union College, 1873.) installed pastor of State street church Portland, April 12, 1883. Delegates were sent to thirty-four churches; and five ministers without invitation met at 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, and Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, of Deering, *Scribe*. Mr. B's State-belief, was published in Portland Press, April 13, and Ch. Mir.

A bountiful collation furnished by the church in their parlors was served. The tables were decorated with flowers.

At the services of Installation were held at 7:30 P. M. Vases and baskets of flowers were arranged around the pulpit. 1. Organ voluntary, and selection by "We praise Thee O God." 2. Invocation by Rev. Alpheus S. Pack-

ard, D. D., of Brunswick. 3. Reading of Minutes by Scribe. 4. Reading of the scriptures. Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham. 5. Hymn. 386. (Songs for the Sanctuary.) "Come, O Creator Spirit blest!" Rev. Edward S. Tead, Westbrook. 6. Installing prayer. Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Andover, Mass., a former pastor. 7. Trio by the choir. "Bow down thine ear." 8. Charge to pastor. Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Prof. in Bangor Seminary. 9. Right hand of fellowship. Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston church, Portland. 10. Address to people. Rev. Geo. Leon Walker, D. D., a former pastor. 11. Hymn 1029, sung by congregation, "O Holy Lord, our God." 12. Benediction, by the pastor.

[Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D. D., of Boston, was to have preached the sermon, but a sudden illness prevented his attendance. There was no sermon.]

Rev. CHARLES A. DICKINSON, pastor of the Second church Portland, from Sept. 25, 1879, dismissed November 28, 1882. Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, *Moderator* of the Council: Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth. *Scribe*. Record in Portland Press, Nov. 29. Ch. Mir. Dec. 2.

Mr. D's letter of resignation was published Nov. 20. The action of the church thereupon, Nov. 22; of the parish, Nov. 25. Social gathering Nov. 24, and presentation of a gold watch and chain to Mr. D. and a like gift to Mrs. D. Rev. Dr. Carruthers, the former pastor, felicitously presenting them. Reported Nov. 25. Acceptance of the call to Kirk street church, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 5, each in Portland Press, of the above dates. Installation services in that church, Wednesday evening, Jan'y 3, 1883. Press, Jan'y 5. Ch. Mir. Jan'y 6.

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY of the Sunday School, of Second ch. was observed May 13. Address by Rev. W. F. Crafts, of Brooklyn, New York. There is a Chinese department in the school.

Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., acting pastor at West church, Portland, from Nov. 20, 1881, closed his labors June 24, 1883. P. O. address to Oct. 1883, Sauk Center, Stearns Co., Minn., after that, Stockton, Cal.

Rev. EDGAR MILLARD COUSINS, (Bowdoin 1877, Bangor 1880.) called to West church, Portland, from July 1, 1883. Accepts.

Rev. GUSTAVUS WARREN JONES, (Bangor Sem. 1873.) acting pastor at Scarborough, from Nov. 1882. The church and parish have built a parsonage. It was visited by the people, Dec. 21.

Rev. Samuel Rowe, the Deaf-mute Missionary held a service at Portland, Aug. 6, 1882, for the Deaf-mutes of that city and vicinity.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLISTON CHURCH, Portland, observed Feb'y 4, 1883. Discourse by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Clark, Heb. 10:32 "Call to remembrance the former things." In the evening, there were addresses by pastors of the Portland churches. Revs. Wm. H. Fenn, of High St. ch., A. H. Wright, of St. Lawrence St. church, Dwight M. Seward, D. D., of Plymouth ch., John G. Wilson, of the Abyssinian Ch., Dea. Rufus H. Hinckley, of State street church, Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Woodford's, and Rev. E. A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth; and Letters were read from Rev. John J. Carruthers, of the Second church, Portland, Rev. B. F. Leavitt, of Chicago, Ill., first pastor of Williston church, Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., of West church, Portland, and Rev. Asa Dalton, of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. The services closed by singing the hymn, "Blest be the dear, uniting love, that will not let us part." Reported P. Press, Feb. 5.

The Tenth Anniversary, Memorial and Directory of this church, has been published in a 12 mo. pamphlet of 40 pps., containing the Anniversary Sermon, and exercises, Officers, Historical Catalogue, Directory, etc.

THE QUARTER-CENTENNIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE STREET CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL, was observed Feb'y 18, 19, 1883.

s were made by Rev. John J. Carruthers, D. D., from John 4: 37  
eth. and another reapeth," and by Rev. Elijah Kellogg, of Boston,  
g church.

rich edifice was decorated with flowers and evergreens. The motto, "The Lord hath led me on," was upon the wall.

were devotional exercises and vocal and instrumental music at each service.

**ORD'S, DEERING.**—This church published in January a pamphlet of  
ving an exposition of the Sunday School Lessons, church news, etc.  
lies' Circle, commencing in the autumn, gave a series of entertain-  
cluding four lectures and three concerts. A service of praise, using  
r Rev. Ray Palmer, was held Sabbath evening, Nov. 12, conducted  
stor.

**CH. FALMOUTH.**—The house of worship has been repaired and a new furnace provided.

Second Anniversary of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN  
 OR, in Williston Ch. Portland, was held Feb. 18. Addresses by  
 of neighboring churches; fraternal greetings from those in the  
 letters from similar societies in the States and Provinces. Rev.

ety of Christian Endeavor, connected with the Second church, Port-  
 rved its first anniversary, March 18. A similar society was formed  
 ord's Deering, in November.

Conference of Societies of Christian Endeavor, was held in the Second

church, Portland, June 7, 1883. Discussions were held on the following topics:—The relation of the society to the church; The methods of conducting experience meetings; The relation of the Sunday School to the Society. Who may now become members; Our rules; How may young ladies assist the work; How does the society help young Christians.

The Report of the Secretary stated that 300 Societies had been formed from Maine to California. From reports received from 53 of them the number active members was 1878; of this number, 1303 are church members; 243 having been added to the church during the year. Facts were presented showing the good that had been accomplished by them. Maine has seventy societies.

**OFFICERS.** *President*, Wm. H. Pennell, of Portland; eleven *Vice-Presidents* representing as many States, among them, Rev. F. E. Clark, of Maine; Rev. C. A. Dickinson, of Mass.; *Secretary*, J. W. Stephenson, Portland, Me.; *Treasurer*, W. J. Van Patten, of Burlington, Vt.; *Executive Committee*, Rev. F. Clark, Rev. J. M. Lowden, Rev. C. A. Dickinson, H. H. Burgess, Esq. W. Pennell, Esq.

**THE PORTLAND CONGREGATIONAL CLUB** have met monthly from Nov. 1882, to May 14, 1883. The chief topics introduced were, Nov. 13, "Ecclesiastical Councils, and Candidates for settlement as Pastors." Opened by Mr. T. Dana, Portland, following with remarks by others. At the subsequent meetings, generally, other persons took part in the discussions, after being introduced by the gentleman named. Collations at 6.45 P. M. Dec. 11, of service reform. Mr. Sidney W. Thaxter, Portland. Mr. J. F. Jeffords, clerk of the R. M. S., at Portland, spoke on the practical working of the present system in his department of the postal service. Music by the African Quartette. Jan. 8, 1883. "Modern Schools of Preaching." Prof. William J. Tucker, D. D., of Andover, Mass. Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland Center read a poem.—Subject, "In mid-winter." Music by the Schubert Club. Feb. "Denominational Fidelity," Rev. John L. Withrow, D. D. of Boston and Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D. of Portland. March 7, "How to Interpret the Old Testament," Rev. Ruen Thomas, D. D. of Brookline, Mass., and Rev. Thomas Hill, D. D. of Portland. April 9, "The Poetry of Milton." Rev. J. F. Stephenson, of Montreal, Que. Ladies were present at this meeting May 14, a poem by Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland, in memory of the fallen heroes of the late war, delivered in the hall of the Grand Army of the Republic, where the meetings of the Club have been held during the year. Following this there was a discussion of topics presented by members of the Club. The qualifications of membership in churches; short pastorates; Societies, Christian Endeavor for the Young; amusements; the Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society.

**OFFICERS** elected Jan. 8. William E. Gould, *President*; William W. Thomas, Sidney W. Thaxter, *Vice-Presidents*; Ansel G. Dewey, *Secretary*; C. S. Griffin, *Treasurer*; F. C. Payson, *Auditor*; Rufus H. Hinckley, A. L. Burbanck, H. H. Ricker, *Nominating Committee*.

The Bethel Flag is published in the interests of the Seamen and the Bethel church, Portland. The Ambassador is published monthly by the Second Church, Portland, a page of the latter was for a season devoted to the Bethel Flag.

The thirtieth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Portland, was held in City Hall, April 6, 1883. Report by the Secretary, H. Winter,—Addresses by the President, Dr. Carlton Kimball, Rev. Thomas H. Winter, Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Rev. T. F. Stevenson, of Montreal, and Rev. Geo. Lindsey.

The Portland Women's Christian Association has received \$500, a bequest from the late Mrs. Caroline W. Brooks.



City Hall, Portland. Meeting of Am. Bd. C. F. M.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, was held in the City Hall, Portland, October 3—6, 1882. The attendance and interest has probably never been exceeded in any previous meetings of the Board. The spacious City Hall was always crowded, and overflow meetings were held in the Payson Memorial church, and in the First Unitarian church. The Woman's Board which met at High Street Church, had an overflow meeting in the Free Street Baptist church. There were reported 102 Corporate members, and 386 Honorary members, of the Board present; and the committee of entertainment provided for 2500; and 500 additional came by invitation to friends in the city. Different denominations took part in receiving guests.

A full report was published in the daily papers of the city, that of the Portland Press, being very full, containing the reports in full; a minute record of the proceedings, and a stenographic verbatim report of the principal addresses. An extra of the Portland Press, containing fourteen pages, was also published, which included the entire proceedings of the meeting.

The Christian Mirror, and Ambassador published in Portland, gave in Aug. and Sept., reminiscences of the meeting of the Am. Bd. held at Portland in 1851; and L. D. in the Cong'l'st, Aug. 9.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR, which has for more than a half-century been published in this state, proving an important adjunct and stimulus to the material, educational, moral and religious interests of the State, and more especially to the interests of the Congregational churches, the Missionary Society, and other organizations connected with the churches, observed its SIXTIETH anniversary, August 26, 1882. The issue of that week contained its history, with notices from friends, and editors of other papers. It had a fac-simile of the heading of the first number, August 24, 1822, with its four short columns to the page. The size of the paper was 18½x22, a trifle more than one-third of the present size. The type was much smaller.

Its first motto was, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light." Its second motto, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." Its present motto, "Beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord."

The Conference has many times borne testimony to the value of the Mirror and commended it to the generous support of the churches. Its history is referred to, in the Semi-centennial number of the Minutes, 1876, pps. 24, 77, 141.

Miss F. M. Morris, of the Zulu Mission, addressed the young people of High St. Church, Portland, Dec. 30, exhibiting curiosities from Africa.

Twenty-six little boys in the Sunday School of High st. ch. Portland raised money to purchase a flag for Armenia College. In the Harpoon News Jan. 1883. It is gratefully acknowledged. The College has 150 pupils in the male department and 89 in the female department. The same paper contains an engraving of the church edifice in Central Harpoot.

A meeting in behalf of the American Home Missionary Society, was held in Portland, Feb. 11. During the day, meetings were held in six of the churches and a union meeting in the evening. Addresses by Secretary Clark, Revs. W. G. Puddefoot, of Michigan, and A. Blanchard, of Colorado.

A meeting was held in Cumberland Mills, on Saturday previous; at Gorham 9th inst.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, Rev. Addison Blanchard spoke in State st. ch. on Mission life and work in Colorado.

Mr. Herbert Welsh spoke at Plymouth ch. Portland, Feb. 14, on the Indian question.

Rev. Joseph Cook lectured at City Hall, Portland, Feb. 15, on the Seven Wonders of the World.

The seventy-third anniversary of the Maine Bible Society was held in State st. ch. Portland, Sabbath eve, May 27, 1883. Address by Rev. F. T. Bayley, of Portland, remarks added by Rev. Newell L. Calhoun, of Cleveland, O.. Mr. E. B. Stillson, agent of the society, has visited 5214 families and distributed 1242 Bibles,—380 donated.

Portland observed the 250th anniversary of its settlement, July 4, 1883. Address by Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, Jr.

**NECROLOGY.**—Mrs. Ellen Motley, in Gorham, Aug. 26, 1882, æt 33, only child of the late Rev. Joseph Bartlett, and wife of Edward P. Hodgdon. . . . Dea. Joshua Hobbs, in Portland, Sept. 19, æt 77. For twenty-five years a deacon in High St. ch. Portland, ob. Congregationalist Sept. 25, ch. Mir. Sept. 30. . . . Jennie K., daughter of Rev. G. W. Jones, Scarboro, Nov. 7, æt 15. . . . Mrs. Elizabeth C., wife of Rev. Edward Y. Hineks, in Andover, Mass., Nov. 25. A delegation from State St. church, Portland, of which her husband was late pastor attended the funeral. P. Press, Nov. 27.—Resolutions of State Street Ch. published in Portland Press, Dec. 15. . . . Mrs. James V. Poor, in Portland, Nov. 2. One of the original members of St. Lawrence Street Church, ob. Ch. Mir. Dec. 9. . . . Mrs. Cordelia D. Maynard, wife of Gen. Neal Dow, in Portland, Jan. 1, 1883. Notice by J. J. C. Ch. Mir. Jan. 27. . . . Mrs. Sarah Whitman Parris, widow

Albion K. Parris, in Washington, D. C., Jan. 30, æt 83. Letter J. W. Mir, Feb. 10. . . . Dea. Joseph Cheeney, in Deering, Mar. 22, æt 69, ob. Ch. . . . 28. . . . Joseph Spencer, in Portland, Apr. 5, ob. Ch. Mir, Apr. 14.

**IS. OF THE CHURCHES.**—Baldwin, Mrs. E. A. Richardson; Cape Elizabeth, Mrs. E. F. Flint, Portland; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonla, David s; Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Deering First, Dea. Hiram . . . 99 Oak St., Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Win. E. Gould, Bank, Portland; Falmouth First, Alfred Merrill, West Falmouth; h Second, Henry L. Walte; Gorham, Stephen Hinckley; Portland, John W. D. Carter, 816 Congress st.; High Street, Richard Abbot; Rev. John G. Wilson; Bethel, Rev. F. Southworth; State Street, Ed-Oxnard, 91 Winter st.; St. Lawrence Street, George L. Gerrish, 47 Promenade; West Congregational, Miss Adriana M. Carlton, 1020 ; st.; Plymouth, Lyman H. Wilson; Williston, Franklin Agge, 15 1 st.; Sacarappa Second, Dea. Harlan P. Murch; Scarboro, Rev. orer; Standish, Mis: Abby M. Lowell; Windham, Rev. Luther Wis-

**INTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Baldwin, Frank Brown; Cape 1 First, Henry B. Walton; Cape Elizabeth, Ligonla, Daniel W. Lewis; and Mills, Erwin B. Newcomb; (Deering First,) Deering, Woodford's H. H. Nevens; Falmouth First, Daniel W. Lunt; Falmouth Second, Marston; Gorham, John A. Hinckley; Portland Second, Roscoe W. High Street, Richard Abbott; Abyssinian Fourth, Alfred F. Clark; John M. Gould; State Street, Ansel G. Dewey; St. Lawrence Street, Thompson; West, John C. Roberts; Plymouth, George M. Seiders; N. W. Edson; Sacarappa, Edwin J. Haskell; Scarboro, Simon Standish, Rev. R. S. Whidden; Windham, Joseph W. Doughty.

Edwin A. Harlow, of Knightville, Cape Elizabeth, *Scribe of Confer-* v. Edward E. Bacon, of Sacarappa, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next with the church at Gorham, October 24, 1883.

**IRLAND ASSOCIATION**, organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday August, and November. *Members.*—Minutes 1879, p. 90. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, *Scribe of Association*.

## CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

d in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual third Tuesday in October.

**MI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Durham, Oct. 17, Rev. Collins G. Burnham, of South Freeport, *Moderator*; Rev. Francis y, of New Gloucester, *Scribe*.

st day was spent in hearing reports from the churches, and the dis- of the Themes;—1. Prayer, its scriptural idea,—and the need of a spirit of prayer,—opened by Rev. Henry H. Osgood of North Yar- l. How to increase Bible Study among all classes, Rev. Francis D. of New Gloucester; 3. How to meet the corrupting literature of the . Joseph Torrey, D. D. On Wednesday. 4. The design of the Chris- path, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Yarmouthville; 5. What can be done he desecration of the Sabbath, Rev. C. G. Burnham. Conference Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, John 7:17, "If any man is will, he shall know of the doctrine," etc. An infant daughter of

Rev. Richard Wickett, of Durham, was baptized by Dr. Torrey. Lot Supper administered by Revs. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, and Truman S. Perry, of Cumberland. Deacs. A. C. Chandler, of New Gloucester and M. Rowe, of Yarmouth, distributing the elements.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, held with the church in South Freeport June 12, 13, 1883. Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Yarmouth, *Moderator*. Sermon by Rev. Truman S. Perry, Cumberland Center. Rom. 1: 16 "For I am ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," etc., and Rev. Professor A. S. Packard, Brunswick. Matt. 28: 20, "Lo I am with you alway." Topics for discussion—How far should the churches depend for success upon ordinary methods of work," opened by Rev. F. D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester; Should our churches give more attention to the matter of church discipline, opened by Rev. Bean, of Gray; What should be done in justice to all parties, to decrease large proportion of non-resident members. Rev. J. Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth. What is the relation of the prayer meeting to the spiritual life and work of church; How can we secure a better attendance of church members at prayer meeting. Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; How can we make prayer meeting more effective in reaching the unconverted. Rev. L. Reynold. What are the obligations of church members, (a) to each other, (b) to spiritual condition of the community, Rev. R. Wickett, Pownal; (c) to missions. Home, Rev. Daniel Lane, of Freeport; Foreign, Rev. Wm. P. Fisher, Brunswick.

The Woman's Board of Missions held a session on Tuesday afternoon.

The Lord's Supper administered Wednesday P. M., Revs. Wm. P. Fisher, Brunswick, and Richard Wickett, of Pownal, officiating.

"The Conference was well attended, interesting and profitable."

Rev. RICHARD HASTINGS MCGOWN, (Bangor Sem., 1878.) late of Machinport, acting-pastor at Turner, from Nov. 12, 1882.

Rev. CHARLES ARNER WHITE, (Williams, 1870, Andover, 1873.) late pastor at Hallowell, acting-pastor at Mechanic Falls, from Feb'y, 1883.

Rev. ANSON P. TINKER, pastor of High street church, Auburn, from October 16, 1873, dismissed December 20, 1882. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Poland, *Moderator*; Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, *Scribe*.

Mr. T.'s letter of resignation, published in Lewiston Journal Dec. 12. Not of Mr. T., L. Journal, Dec. 18. Farewell sermon, Dec. 17, in Lewiston Journal Dec. 19. Accepts a call to Fort Street Presbyterian church, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. GEORGE S. DICKERMAN, pastor of Pine street church Lewiston, from March 13, 1874, resigns June 17, 1883. Letter of resignation, in Lewiston Journal, June 19. Dismissed by council, July 20, 1883. Rev. Wm. H. Fenn of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Wm. P. Fisher, of Brunswick, *Scribe*. Record of proceedings in Lewiston Journal, July 21. Additional notices of the estate in which he was held, and the gifts presented to him and Mrs. D., in Journal July 23.

Mr. D., accepts a call to the First church, Amherst, Mass.

Rev. Henry H. Osgood, acting-pastor at North Yarmouth, from May 16, 1882 resigns April, 1883.

Rev. Frederic E. Emrich, dismissed as pastor at Mechanic Falls, June 1882. See Record, Minutes, 1882, p. 68. Installed pastor of the West Tabernacle church, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29, 1882. Sermon by Rev. Fred Noble, of Chicago.

Rev. Chas. A. White, delivered the Memorial address G. A. R., at Mechanic Falls, 1883.

The church at Minot Center have placed a new foundation under their chu



edifice, and are proposing to repair the interior. Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, supplies the pulpit, one service, on the Sabbath.

Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain has placed in the chancel of the church, at Brunswick, a large stained glass memorial window, in remembrance of Rev. George E. Adams, who was pastor of the church forty-one years.

A new organ has been procured by the church in Brunswick.....Sixth St. Church, Auburn, has a new organ for the Chapel.

A society of Christian Endeavor for the Young has been organized in Freeport, Cumberland and Lewiston.

Miss Mary K. Lunt sustained by the Ladies of Maine, as Missionary among Freedmen, in Selma, Alabama, gave some account of the work among the freedmen at the united meeting of the churches in New Gloucester, Sabbath evening, August 20. At the meeting of the Woman's Association of Alabama, held in connection with the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Alabama, at Marian, Ala., she was chosen Secretary of the Association.

Rev. Mr. Walcott, an Australian Missionary, made an address, Sabbath evening, 23, in Auburn, on religious work in that country.

Rev. Henry S. DeForest, of Talladega College, Ala., preached at Auburn, 29th, and in the evening spoke of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, particularly in Alabama, and of the work of the College.

Rev. Mr. Morgan of Texas, spoke at Auburn, Sept. 3d, on Education in Texas.

A meeting in the interests of the Am. Home Missionary Society, was held in Lewiston and Auburn, Feb'y 6th, 1883; Yarmouth, 7th, and Brunswick, 8th. Addresses by Secretary Clark, and Superintendents Blanchard, and Puddefoot.

Mrs. Charles W. Park, addressed the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions, at Auburn, Sabbath P. M. June 10, on Life in India, and the labors, trials and success of missions in foreign lands.

The sixteenth annual session of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maine, held at Lewiston, Oct. 27, 28, 1882. Address of welcome by Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman.

The Y. M. C. A., of Auburn, dedicated their new room, Oct. 30. The walls were brightly frescoed, a new carpet, and other inviting accessories are provided. Remarks by Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn, E. W. Watkins, of New York, and others. Frank W. Ober, appointed Secretary.

Dedication of the new rooms of the Y. M. C. A., of Lewiston, Jan'y 21, 1883. Remarks by Rev. G. S. Dickerman and others. Sixteenth annual meeting of this Association held April 15, 1883. Addresses by Hon. Nelson Ding-  
ley, Jr., Mr. McKenney, of Portland, Messrs. Bailey and Briggs, of Winthrop.

The eighth anniversary of the Auburn Reform Club, held Feb'y 18, 1883.... The Maine State Temperance Alliance formed in Lewiston, Feb'y 21, 22.... The quarterly Convention of Reform Clubs, at Lewiston, March 7.... A delegation from various Temperance Organizations in the State, held at Lewiston, April, to consider what can be done to promote the cause of Temperance, and to secure the Constitutional Amendment.

The Maine Divorce Reform Association, was organized at Portland, Oct. 24, 1882. Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., President; Hon. I. Washburn, Jr., Vice President; Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, Secretary. The New England Divorce Reform League, organized in Boston, Feb'y, 1881, has for its Vice President from Maine, Hon. I. Washburn, Jr., Portland, (since deceased,) and its Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. G. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston.... Communication from the latter, in Lewiston Journal, Jan'y 6.... The Legislature of this

State, at its late session, passed a Divorce Reform Bill, approved by the Governor.

The Androscoggin Educational Association met in Auburn, May 11.

**NECROLOGY.**—Hon. M. T. Ludden, in Lewiston, Sept. 21, 1882. *Lewiston Journal* Sept. 22, '3. Ch. Mir. Sep. 30. . . Thomas Noyes, in Pownal, Sept. 26, at 58. Forty years a member of the church. . . Mrs. Lois Dunlap, widow of John S. Dunlap, Brunswick, Oct. 1. J. W. C. Ch. Mir. Oct. 21. . . Dea. Nathaniel Sweetser in North Yarmouth, Dec. 25, at 83; for forty-eight years a deacon in ch. at North Yarmouth. Treasurer General Conference of Maine, 1855-'59. . . Mrs. Ann Eliza Hoyt, wife of Rev. E. H. Byington, formerly of Brunswick, March 11, 1883, in Monson Mass. . . Mrs. Christiana N. Blanchard, in Cumberland, March 16, at 86; for fifty-six years an honored member of the church in C. . . Mrs. Elizabeth Wickett, mother of Rev. Richard Wickett, Pownal, April 20, in Warham Station, P. E. I., at 72. . . Mrs. Olive Blanchard, in Yarmouth, April 4, at 87; ob. Ch. Mir., April 14. . . Dea. Washington Haskell, in West Auburn, May 26, at 77. . . Mrs. Bathsheba Jones, in Minot, July 1, 1883, at 84. Mrs. J. was the widow of Rev. Elijah Jones, pastor of the church in Minot 48 years; an efficient helper to the pastor, and since his death fulfilling many of the duties of a pastor to the church. Ob. by Rev. L. Reynolds, in Ch. Mir. Aug. 4.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Auburn, W. A. Roblison; Auburn Sixth street, F. A. Haskell; Auburn West, Henry M. Packard; Brunswick First, John Furbush; Cumberland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Durham, William T. Osgood; Freeport, Rev. Preston B. Wing; Freeport South, Rev. Horatio Halsey; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, William C. Eaton; Lewiston Pine Street, Fred B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, Edward F. Stevens; Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw, Auburn P. O.; Hebron and West Minot, William Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Rev. F. D. Kelsey; North Yarmouth, E. O. Morrill; Poland, F. A. Pulsifer; Pownal, Azor Mitchell, East North Yarmouth; Turner, Herbert F. Dresser; Yarmouth First, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central, Rev. Frank W. Sanborn.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Auburn High St., Henry W. Oaks; Auburn Sixth St., William Hayes; West Auburn, Henry M. Packard; Brunswick, Prof. John Avery; Cumberland, Oren S. Thomas; Durham, James H. Eveleth; Freeport, David D. Spear; Freeport South, Rev. Collins G. Burnham; Gray, Ansel W. Merrill; Harpswell, Paul C. Randall; Lewiston, Frederic B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, David F. Cummings; Minot Center, Wm. H. Davis; Minot West, and Hebron, George Bridgman; New Gloucester, Joseph E. Bayley; North Yarmouth, N. S. Shurtlief; Poland, F. A. Pulsifer; Pownal, Mrs. Z. M. Fickett; Turner, J. T. Cushing, m. d.; Yarmouth First, A. I. Loring; Yarmouth Central, Barnabus Freeman.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next meeting at Turner, October 16, 1883.

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION**, organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August and November. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 90. Rev. Arthur N. Ward of Falmouth, *Scribe*.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1839.

**THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Phillips, June 12, 13, 1883. Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Farmington Falls, *Moderator*.

erimon. Rev. J. Lawrence Hill, of New Sharon, Romans, 1: 16. The and success of the Gospel of Christ. Conference Sermon. Rev. Chas. of Farmington. Rev. 2: 10, Faith and faithfulness—followed by the of the Lord's Supper. Revs. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, and Chas. residing, Deacs. J. P. Thwing and Silas Wilder, assisting. Topics sion:—1. The Christian a pilgrim looking homeward; (a) His in- to divine grace, opened by Rev. A. G. Fitz, of Wilton; (b) The a praying man,—secret and public, opened by the Moderator; (c) The in his relations to the church. Rev. C. H. Pope; (d) The Christian in tions with the world. Rev. C. W. Foster, of the F. B. church Phil- abbath Schools; opened with an address to the young, by Rev. Chas. 3. Home missions. Rev. J. L. Pratt. 4. The Sabbath and public Rev. D. D. Tappin, of Weld, and others. Report of the churches. G. Fitz, which is published in the Franklin Journal, June 16, with proceedings of Conference. The service of Tuesday evening opened ise meeting. Prayer meeting Wednesday morning at 5:45.

CHARLES HENRY POPE. (Bowdoin, 1862, Bangor, 1865.) Installed pas- mington, June 5, 1883. Council met Tuesday A. M., Rev. Albert W. Lynn, Mass., *Moderator*; Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton, Me., installation services, 2 P. M.; organ voluntary; selection by the st thou but know;" reading the minutes, by the Scribe. Intro- vices by Rev. John Lawrence Hill, of New Sharon; hymn; Ser- Edward N. Packard, of Dorchester, Mass., 1 Thes. 2: 4—13, The ist committed to the minister, to preach the pure gospel; hymn read ates S. Rideout, of Strong; installing prayer. Rev. Jonas Burnham, gton; charge to pastor, by the Scribe; right hand, Rev. John B. ght, of Phillips; charge to the people, by the Moderator, (former the church; hymn; benediction by the pastor. Reported in Farn- urnal, June 9, 1883. had been the acting-pastor from Feb'y, 1883.

BERT W. MOORE, pastor at Farmington, from March 1, 1879, dis- Council, Sept. 25, 1882. Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Farmington *erator*; Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton, *Scribe*; Record, Ch. Mr. fr. M. installed pastor of Central church, Lynn, Mass., Nov. 15. Rev. Dr. Tucker, of Andover, Mass.

IN LAWRENCE HILL, (Edinburg University, Scotland, 1878, Evan- ion Hall, Glasgow, Theology, 1881,) acting-pastor at New Sharon ington Falls, from September, 1882. eb L. Rotch, pastor, Oct. 2, '79, to June 13, '82; dismissed by Coun- 13, 1882. (See Minutes 1882, p. 70.) Mr. R., installed pastor at , Mass., Oct. 18, 1882.

owland B. Howard, former pastor at Farmington, gave at Wilton, h, Thoughts on the meeting of the Am. Board at Portland.

urles H. Pope delivered an address at the State Normal School in n, Jan'y 18, '83.

orge A. Gordon, at Temple, 1875-'78, declines a call given him by uth Church, Boston, Mass., Jan. 1883.

orge N. Marden, pastor at Farmington, 1870-'75, is presenting in and, the claims of the New West, and of Colorado College, (where fessor,) to promote the interests of education and religion, and to ecreasing tide of population, and wealth of that region.

Sewall Graves, died in Farmington, July 7, 1882, æt 79. Rev. R. l, a son-in-law, prepared a pamphlet of 8 pps. in memoriam, which

has been published. Mr. G. was in early life, an inmate in Father Jotha Sewall's family. In 1853-'4. he built the first mill for grinding grain, at the Sandwich Islands. . . Mrs. Harriet Z., wife of Rev. Stephen Titcomb, Farmington, died Nov. 13. . . Dea. Reuben Cutler, one of the officers of the church Farmington, died in Albany, Ga., Nov. 20. Ob. Ch. Mir. Nov. 25.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Dea. Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. Julia G. Brown; Industry, William M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLean; Phillips, Cornelia Crosby; Strong, Rev. J. Loring Pratt; Temple, H. L. Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Fry; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Farmington, J. Warren Merriam; Farmington Falls, B. F. Watson; Allen's Mills, (F. Falls,) William J. Rackliff; Industry, Wm. J. Rackliff; New Sharon, Rev. Allen Hill; New Vineyard, Justin Luce; Phillips, Lyman Bunnell; Strong, O. W. Sherman; Temple, I. S. Wilder; Weld, Abiel Holt; Wilton, N. W. Sewall.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Arthur G. F. of Wilton, *Reporter*; Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer*.

Next meeting in Temple, June 10, 11, 1884.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION included in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. See annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held at South-West Harbor, Sep. 27, 1882, Dea. Simeon Allen, of Sedgwick, *Moderator*. The topics discussed: 1. When is a body of Christian believers entitled to be called an active church? 2. Importance of activity in the church, and how secured; 3. Can discipline be advantageously administered to such members as are regularly absent from the prayer meeting, with no good excuse, and exhibit no interest in church work; 4. Is the professed godliness of the members of our churches, in these days, as worthy of confidence as that of former years; 5. How can the measure of grace be made more effective in the conversion of souls. Sermon, by F. William Sewall, of Saxton's River, Vt., Mark 11: 3. "The Lord hath need of him." Conference sermon, Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth, I. 22: 62. Theme, The Sorrow of Penitence.

Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth and Albert N. Jones, of Mt. Desert.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church at Bucksport, June 12, 1883, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator*. Topics for discussion:—relative proportion of thought and effort the church should give to Sunday School work, opened by B. Foster, of the Normal School, Castine; what some of the greatest needs of our churches, in order to exert more saving influences upon the unconverted, Rev. C. W. Huntington, Ellsworth; State missionary work,—its needs, Rev. A. J. McGown, of Bar Harbor. Rev. H. Blodgett, of the North China Mission, spoke of Foreign and Home Missions. Report of the state of the Churches, by the Scribe, Charles L. Skinner, Isle au Haut. Sermon Tuesday evening, Rev. Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth, Joshua 7: 8, "O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turneth."

Conference sermon, Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Deer Isle. Theme, The hidden power of God. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Drs. Sewall Tenney and Henry Blodgett.

Rev. WILLIAM HAYNES, ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry in Amherst, July 1, 1882. (Record, Minutes 1882, p. 72.)

Salem D. Towne, *Licentiate*, supplying at Ellsworth Falls, from June 1883, four months.

Rev. LEWIS J. THOMAS, pastor at Castine, from June 18, '78, dismissed by Council August 29, 1882. Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, *Moderator*; John L. Sewall, *Scribe*. Mr. Thomas accepts a call to Reed City, Mich., June, '83.

Rev. ALBERT N. JONES, Mt. Desert, advised by his physician to cease from his labors for a season, on account of his health, closed his labors in December.

Rev. TIMOTHY LYMAN, of Rutland, Mass., came to M. Desert, and went on with the work, until his death, March 18, 1883. (See Necrology.)

JAMES C. MCN. JOHNSTONE, a. p. at Bluehill from Dec., 1881. Closed his labors Sep. 18, 1882.

A CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED in Bar Harbor, Mt. Desert, May 20, 1883. Eight members on confession of faith, and five by letter. The Council met on Saturday, May 19. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator*; Rev. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor, *Scribe*. The exercises by which it was constituted, were held in the church edifice, May 20, at 10.30 A. M. Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Somesville; sermon by the Scribe, Matt. 22: 39, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" reading of articles of faith, baptism of candidates, reading the covenant, and right hand of fellowship,—by the Moderator; prayer of consecration by Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth; recognition of the church, and greeting of fellowship of sister churches, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; administration of the Lord's Supper by Revs. Ives and Tenney, and Dea. A. F. Adams, of Castine; benediction, by Rev. Alfred J. McGown.

In the evening, services were held.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives preaching the sermon, Phil. 4: 19, "My God shall supply every need of yours, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Devotional exercises by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams.

In the service of song, on both occasions, "Songs of the Sanctuary" were used.

A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed at Bucksport.

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, was a member of the House of Representatives in the Maine Legislature, 1883.

A new Pipe Organ has been procured for the church in Castine—cost \$800. was first used in a Praise-service in October.

Rev. Mr. Aneer, who has spent some time as Missionary in Africa, gave a lecture at Bluehill, July 23, 1882.

Rev. John E. Rankin, D. D., of the Congregational ch., Washington, D. C., publishes in the "Pilgrim Press," issued by that church, a letter from Deer Isle, in which he notices persons and events connected with that church, July, '82. Rev. Oliver A. Howard addressed the Reform Club and citizens, on Temperance, at Bucksport, Sabbath P. M., Aug. 6, and the children in the evening.

The Mt. Desert Sabbath School Association met at Salisbury Cove, Aug. 29, 1883. Hancock Sabbath School Association at Bucksport, Octo. 31.

Graduating exercises of State Normal at Castine, May 24, 1883. Address by George Lewis, of South Berwick, on "Preparation and Work." Baccalaureate address, May 20, by Prof. Rolliston Woodbury, the principal. Governor Robie conferred the Diplomas to the graduates, twenty ladies and fifteen gentlemen, accompanied by appropriate remarks.

**NECROLOGY.**—Mrs. Ellen R. Davis, wife of Rev. Hiram Houston, in Deer Isle, Sept. 7, æt 60.... Mrs. Mary Blodgett, mother of Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., Missionary to China, and of Deac. Geo. Blodgett, in Bucksport, Sept. 27, æt 90½. Ob. Ch. Mr. Sept. 30.... George Herbert, formerly of Ellsworth, in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9, æt 67. Ch. Mr. Nov. 22.... Mrs. Betsey Moor, in Bucksport, Oct. 9, æt 86½,—a worthy member of the church in West Brooksville.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Amherst and Aurora, Everett W. Silsby, Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, Mrs. George M. Farnham; Bucksport, George F. Eames; Castine, Rev. Alfred E. Ives; Deer Isle First, Dea. Joseph Saunders; Deer Isle Second, William E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Mrs. Eley S. Turner; Orland, Aaron P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. Simeon Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Somesville, E. Babson, Mt. Desert; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Amherst and Aurora, Charles Silsby; Bluehill, Henry P. Whitney; Brooksville West, Simeon P. Tapley; Bucksport, George F. Eames; Castine, Frederick W. Foster; Deer Isle First, Edwin S. Palmer; Deer Isle Second, Franklin Closson, No. Deer Isle; Ellsworth, George P. Dutton; Isle au Haut, (Union.) Mrs. Eley S. Turner; Orland, Nathan H. Powers; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Emily Blodgett; Sedgwick Village ———; Somesville, Dea. Obadiah Allen; Tremont, (Mt. Desert.) Thomas Clark; Centre and Pretty Marsh, (Union.) M. Smith; S. W. Harbor, (Union.) S. S. Newman and Thomas Clark; Gott's Island, (Union.) Enoch Moor, P. O. Tremont; Seal Cove, (Union.) Benjamin Sawyer.

Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Mt. Desert, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting is in Sept., 1883.

**HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.** Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Re-organized at Bluehill, Nov. 10, 1840. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August, and November. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 91. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Castine, *Scribe*.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823. Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET CONFERENCE.** was held with the church in Gardiner, October 17, 18, 1882. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Francis Newport, of South Gardiner, Matt. 16: 24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Conference Sermon, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, John 6: 35, The Bread of Life. Topics for discussion—1. The needs of our churches, as indicated by the reports, opened by Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell. 2. The religious education of the young, Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, of Monmouth. 3. Development of Christian character, (a) the relation of truth to character, Rev. C. A. White; (b) the relation of work to character, Rev. William F. Obear, of Winthrop; (c) relation of society to character, Dea. Metcalf. A praise-meeting was held on Tuesday evening, conducted by Dea. Geo. F. Hawes, of Augusta. The Lord's Supper administered by Hon. Henry V. Emmons, and Chas. A. White, of Hallowell.

**THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING** with the church at Monmouth, June 12, 13, 1883, Rev. William F. Obear, of Winthrop, *Moderator*.

discussed:—Is the present a time of religious decline; what the pews the pulpit, and what the pulpit wants of the pews.

noon sermon. Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Gardiner, Matt. 25: 20, "Well and faithful servant."

Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, and S. Loring, of Winthrop.

Session of John B. Carruthers occupied part of the day, June, 12.

JOHN B. CARRUTHERS, (Bangor Sem., 1880,) ordained to the Gospel at Monmouth, June 12, 1883. Council met at 3:30 P. M., Rev. William H. Fenn, of Winthrop, *Moderator*; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, *ordination services* 7:30 P. M. Anthem; invocation, Francis G. of Riverside; reading the Scriptures, Rev. Edgar F. Davis, Gardiner; a quartette; sermon by the Scribe, Acts 5: 20, "Go, stand and speak to the people all the words of this life;" hymn, from Sabbath Tune Book, "Pour out thy spirit from on high;" ordaining prayer, by Josiah T. Hawes, Litchfield; charge, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, by the Moderator; hymn, "Ye servants of the Lord, each in his place;" benediction, Rev. John B. Carruthers.

Acting-pastor of the church in Monmouth from April 1, 1882.

JOHN E. MOTT, pastor of the South Church, Augusta, from Sept. 20, dismissed Oct. 31, 1882. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator*; Council; Professor George W. Campbell, of Brunswick, *Scribe*. Portland Press, and Ch. Mir. Nov. 4.

Frederic H. Hall, of Meriden, Conn., called to the pastorate, April, 1883, and.

CHARLES A. WHITE, pastor of the South Church, Hallowell, from Oct. dismissed Jan'y 16, 1883. Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, *Moderator*; Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Reported Ch. 20, '83.

He accepts a call to Mechanic Falls, Feb. 1.

HOWARD CHASE, late of Biddeford, (Union, 1859, Andover, 1862,) to church in Hallowell, from April, 1883.

The cornerstone of the new granite church edifice in Hallowell, was laid by Rev. Henry V. Emmons, gave a brief history of the building of the Church edifice, and its destruction by fire, Dec. 1, 1878. Rev. Chas. F. pastor from 1866, to '76, offered prayer.

Rev. Wm. Jones, acting-pastor at Winslow, from Nov. 1, 1880, goes on, Nov. 1882.

Rev. N. Smith, of Waterville, preaches in Winslow, Sabbath afternoons.

ORDINATION OF A CHURCH, AND ORDINATION OF FREDERICK NEWPORT at South Gardiner, January 30, 1882. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Gardiner, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Gardiner, *Scribe*. All met at 11 A. M.,—also at 2 P. M.

*Recognition and installation services combined, at 7 P. M.* 1. Report of Council. 2. Reading of Scripture and Invocation, Rev. Josiah of Litchfield. 3. Hymn, "O blest the souls, forever blest," (No. 59, Hymn Book.) 4. Address of recognition, Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Right hand of fellowship to the church, by Moderator. 6. Consecration, Rev. Jona. E. Adams, of Bangor. 7. Hymn, "Blest be the tie, that binds," Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary, Luke, 24: beginning at Moses, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures, concerning himself." 9. Ordaining prayer by the Moderator. 10. Charge to the pastor, by the Scribe. 11. Charge, Rev. Henry V. Emmons, to the people, Rev. Almon W. Burr, of Hallowell Institute. 13. Prayer for that flame of living fire." 14. Benediction by Pastor.

Mr. N. was educated in England, to 1871. Grad. Bangor Sem'y, 1882, and has supplied at South Gardiner, from June 11, 1882.

Martin C. Phillips was elected Clerk of the Church, and William A. Lawrence, Deacon.

THE ADAMS MEMORIAL CHURCH was organized at Getchell's Corner, Vassalboro, March 28, 1883, numbering twenty-eight members,—eleven by letter, and seventeen on confession of faith. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick, was Moderator of the Council; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, Scribe. Sermon and Prayer of Consecration, by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. Text of Sermon, 1 Peter 1:3—5. The son-ship and inheritance of the saints; charge to the church by the Moderator; right hand of fellowship and prayer, by the Scribe. Francis G. Chutter is the acting-pastor of this church, which is located in the region where Rev. Thomas Adams labored so faithfully and successfully from 1818 to 1834, and afterwards with the remnant that remained, from 1864 to 1876. An effort has been commenced to build a Chapel, which shall bear his name. Mr. Chutter preaches also a portion of the time at Riverside.

A Literary Society formed at Riverside and Getchell's Corner, Vassalboro, which meets alternately in each place, weekly, at which an essay on some author is read, and selections from his writings.

THE NEW CONGREGATIONAL VESTRY at Waterville was dedicated Dec. 23, 1882. Scripture reading and Dedictory Prayer by the pastor, Rev. E. N. Smith. Addresses by Rev. A. W. Pottle, of the Methodist church, Mr. D. R. Wing, of the "Waterville Mail," and several others. The Vestry cost \$2,150, all of which is paid. Hon. A. D. Lockwood gave \$200. Mrs. W. Smith solicited funds from the ladies for a Piano Forte.

*Augusta.*—The children of the late Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., (pastor, 1811 to 1849,) are to place a mural tablet in the church, in memory of their father. *Gardiner.*—Rev. William L. Hyde, of Ovid, N. Y., preached in Oct., in the pulpit he filled, 1848 to 1856. . . . Rev. Austin L. Park, pastor, 1864 to 1881, has left Falls Church, Va., and goes to California, a climate more congenial to his health. *Hallowell.*—Rev. Americus Fuller, pastor, 1862-'66, and eight years at Aintab, Turkey, is called to Milwaukee, Wis., to take charge, for a time, of a new church organization. *Pittston.*—Wm. C. Jones supplied here part of the year; and H. H. Aeterian, from July 1 to Sept. 17, 1882. . . . Rev. David L. Williams, acting-pastor, 1879-'82, at Carbondale, Penn., 1883. *Waterville.*—Rev. Richard B. Thurston, pastor, 1846-'55, installed pastor at North Greenwich Conn., Nov. 28, 1882.

The fourth annual convention of the deaf mutes of Maine, was held in the Congregational Chapel, Augusta, August 26, 27, 1882. Sixty were present from different parts of the State. On Sunday, three religious services were held, conducted by Rev. Samuel Rowe, a deaf mute himself, and missionary in the State. Rev. Clarence Logan, of West Boxford, Mass., preached a sermon in the sign language. Communion service in the afternoon. Miss Clara Wright, of Lowell, Mass., interpreted some of the services, for those present who were not deaf mutes. Next Convention at Belfast, August, 25, 26, 1883. . . . The Maine Sabbath School Convention was held in Hallowell, Oct. 21—26. . . . Annual Convention of the Maine State Temperance Society, at Augusta, Jan'y 24, 25, 1883. . . . The claims of the Am. Home Missionary Society, were presented at Augusta and Hallowell, Feb'y 5, '83, by Secretary Chark, and Superintendents Puddefoot, of Michigan, and Blanchard, of Colorado.

Mrs. Eliza A. Obear, the mother of William F. Obear, of Winthrop, died in Beverly, Mass., Sept. 8, 1862, æt 67. . . . Dea. Samuel K. Gilman, in Hallowell, Dec. 26, æt 87; ob. by H. V. E. Congregationalist, Jan'y 10, and in Ch. Mr. . . . Silas Curtis, in Norwalk, Conn., æt 78,—the father of Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond. . . . Hon. Lot M. Morrill, in Augusta, Jan, 10. He had been Gover-



of the State, U. S. Senator, Secretary of the Treasury, Collector of Portland, etc. Funeral attended by Rev. James H. Ecob, a former pastor, and Rev. James Hill, . . . Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, in Monmouth, suddenly July 23, at ready to every good word and work.

**MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, James Smiley, Benton Falls; Clinton, Fannie O. Chase, a. c.; Gardiner, C. Leering; South Gardiner, William A. Lawrence; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, Asa P. Smith; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, E. A. Ham; Richmond, Dea. Benjamin F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Albert Farwell, Riverside; Adams Memorial Ch., Getchell's Corner, Durham; Waterville, Joseph L. Town; Winslow, George W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Henry Woodward.

**BATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.**—Augusta, Dea. George F. Hawes; Bath, William K. Lunt; Clinton, (Union,) George Parkman; Gardiner, Rev. F. Davis; Gardiner South, Greenleaf Lawrence; Hallowell, J. Edwin Litchfield, David T. Smith; Monmouth, J. G. Gott; Pittston, E. A. Lap- Richmond, Arthur L. Thomas; Sidney, —; Vassalboro, Riverside, C. G. Chutter; Vassalboro, Getchell's Corner, Fred G. Chutter; Waterville, Increase Robinson; Winslow, George W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. George Packard.

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Bi-annual meeting of Somerset and Kennebec Conference, at Litchfield, Oct., 23, 24, 1-83.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, were united April 23, 1867. Annual meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. *Members*, Minutes 1879, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, *Scribe*.

## LINCOLN AND SAGadahoc CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting Tuesday before the second Wednesday in June.

### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Warren, 12, 13, 1883, Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath, *Moderator*. A devotional service, opened the session, led by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union. Topics discussed:—How can we awaken an increased interest in the study of the Bible; Is there need of more frequent expression of fellowship among the churches; The Sunday School,—conditions of larger success in its work; to develop the missionary spirit in our churches. The effects of worldliness in our churches. 1. its forms and effects. 2. The remedy. Report of churches, by the Scribe; every church reported. Sermons by Rev. Henry Robinson, of Phippsburg, Matt. 5: 17, 18, "Think not that I came to destroy law or the prophets," etc; and by Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, Ps. 14: 8, "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord," etc. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. F. V. Norcross, of Union, and Charles G. Holyoke, of Edgecomb.

This Conference was rendered very enjoyable by its eminently social character. Dinner and supper were provided in the chapel near the church each giving a chance to see and become acquainted with one another."

Rev. Charles H. Pope, pastor at Thomaston, from March 5, 1878, dismissed November 14, 1883. Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Moderator* of the year; Rev. John J. Blair, of Rockland, *Scribe*.

Mr. Pope, installed pastor at Farmington, Me., June 5, 1883.

Rev. Angus A. Robertson, of Eula, Illinois, called to Thomaston, Jan'y, 1883, but declined.

Rev. Charles Albert Marsh, (Oberlin, C., 1877, Chicago, S., 1880, Andover, 1882.) accepts a call to this church, commencing labors, June 10, 1883.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, pastor at Second ch. New Castle, from Oct. 11, 1881, called to Maple St. church, Danvers, Mass., (Dec.)—and Second church, Biddeford; accepts latter, and resigns at N. March 31, 1883.

Rev. Edward C. Crane, a. p. at Waldoboro from June 1, 1881, accepts a call to Mendon Ill., May 1, 1883.

Jotham Sewall, a. p. at Topsham from Aug. 1, 1881, resigns Oct., 1883.

Albert Donnell, a. p. at Bristol from July 1, 1882, resigns, Jan'y, 1883. Installed pastor at Berlin, N. H., June 22, 1883.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, returned from Europe, Sept. 10, '82. During a portion of the time in his absence, the pulpit was supplied by Mr. Charles T. Hawes, now teacher of Rhetoric in Bowdoin College.

Dr. Fiske, on account of feeble health, has resigned the pastorate of Winter St. church, to take effect Aug. 17, 1883. This will close forty years of a continuous and faithful service with one people.

Rev. William A. DePew, pastor at Wiscasset, from Jan'y 14, 1879, resigns, and was dismissed by Council, July 17. Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, *Moderator*; Rev. David Q. Cushman, *Scribe*.

Rev. Eliphalet Whittlesey, D. D., preached to his old parishioners in Central ch. Bath, Sept. 3.

Rev. Augustus F. Beard, pastor Central ch., Bath, 1862-'68, and at Syracuse, N. Y., fourteen years, resigns and accepts the pastorate of the American church in Paris, France, and the Secretaryship of the American and Foreign Christian Union, in connection with the work of French Evangelism.

Rev. Ray Palmer, pastor of Central ch., Bath, 1835-'50, afterwards Secretary of the Am. Congregational Union; on attaining his golden wedding, Oct. 2, received his friends, and many congratulatory letters and Press notices. A praise service was held in several of the churches in Maine, and elsewhere, where selections from his hymns were used.

Rev. Gilbert B. Richardson, at Edgecomb, 1860-'3, and Alma and New Castle, 1866-'71, died in Hardwick, Mass., Feb. 20, 1883, æt 56. (See Necrology.)

Rev. Jotham Sewall, pastor at New Castle, 1824-'39, has written in his old age (over ninety-one years,) a book proving from the Bible that Christ's spiritual presence, is not his second coming.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY AT ROCKLAND, June 17, 1883. Order of service:—Organ Prelude; Anthem by choir, "How lovely are thy dwellings," by *Spahr*; Invocation; Responsive reading; Choir, Te Deum in B. Minor, by *Bach*; Scripture Lesson; Choir, "Come Holy Spirit," (*La Hache*;) prayer of consecration; Choir, Gloria, from Mozart's 12th Mass; Sermon, by Rev. John J. Blair, Psalm 118:25, "O Lord, I beseech thee send now prosperity;" Dedication hymn, by Mrs. T. A. Wentworth, "O Lord to whom all things belong," sung by the choir and congregation, Tune, *Duke St.*; Benediction; Organ postlude.

The house was built in 1835. In 1872, extensive improvements were made. In July 1882, plans were made for a re-construction of the house, which are now completed. The body of the house was raised, and carried back fifteen feet; land for this purpose being donated by Gen. David Tillson. Beneath the house thus raised, was constituted a basement, for a vestry, parlor and other rooms. In front, at the south-east corner, is a square tower, twenty feet square at the base, and rising to the bell-deck. The belfry is six feet high,

surrounded by a dome of twenty feet, with a gilded ball, and cluster of lilies, there is a porch with sloping roof, containing sixteen windows; above it a row of seven windows; the tower containing eleven windows, all of stained glass.

There are eighty pews of ash with trimmings of black walnut, upholstered with maroon repp. The pulpit and platform are of black walnut; the organ the rear, with rooms on each side for the pastor and singers. The ceiling is decorated in shades of brown, blue, cream and gold, harmoniously blended. Cost of re-construction, \$10,000. The *Courier-Gazette*, Rockland, of June 19, is a history of the building, and of the church, with sketches of the several ministers,—also, the order of service, with the Sermon and Dedictory Hymn. The church edifice in Union has been improved materially.

John Patten, Esq., of Bath, gives \$200 to constitute the Central ch., Bath, a perpetual member of the General Theological Library, Boston, whereby all its stores, forever, may use the Library, and draw books gratis. Mr. P. is also a Life Member by the same.

The church in Phippsburg, by the efforts of the Ladies, improved the parsonage with new papering, painting and carpet. The Chapel is painted, and efforts making to repair the church edifice.

The Annual Session of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Maine, held at Rockland, Oct. 12, 13, 1882.... Mrs. Harriet N. Jones, of East Winthrop, addressed the ladies of Bath, in behalf of the Union, Jan'y 6, 7, and Mrs. D. McLaughlin, of Boston, in March.

The Knox and Lincoln Sunday School Association, met in Nobleboro, Aug. 1882. Rev. Chas. E. Andrews, Secretary.

The Am. Home Missionary Society, by their Secretary, Rev. J. B. Clark, and representatives Puddefoot, of Michigan, and Blanchard, of Colorado, presented its claims at Bath, Feb'y 8, '83.

**ECROLOGY.**—Mrs. Harriet B. Spaulding, died in Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 1882,—wife of Rev. Wm. S. Spaulding, at Boothbay, 1873-'4, and mother Rev. William A. Spaulding, at New Castle, 1870-'1. She was for sixteen years, continuously, to sixty-three years of age, preceptress of an Academy or Reading School.... John Tibbetts, at May Lawn, Boston Highlands, Dec. 28, '83, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. D. Halev. He was an active member of the church in Topsham, during his earlier life, a friend of the Home Missionary Society, and not losing his interest in later years. Funeral ended by Professor Packard. The burial at Topsham.... Dea. Newell Winslow, in Waldoboro, suddenly, Feb'y 6, 1883. A leader in Sunday School and temperance work. Ob. Ch. Mr., Feb'y 17.... Mrs. Sarah Heal, in Edgecomb, March 3, at 82. Sixty years a member of the church in E.... Dea. Jamnin Ford, in Bristol, May 25, at 86. Holding office forty years. His wife died Jan'y 10-'83, at 85. United 64 years.... Dea. James Starrett, in Warren, June 11, at 91.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Alna, Elizabeth Nelson; Bath, Winter Street, Rev. John O. Flake, D. D.; Bath Central, Franklin S. Partridge; Boothbay First, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay Second, Charles E. Kenck; Bremen, Miss Caroline H. Hilton; Bristol, Dr. Joseph Hunter; Edgecomb, Ebenezer Chase, Jr.; Lisbon, Mrs. George W. Coombs, Lisbon Falls; New Castle First, Charles C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; New Castle, Second St. P. Huston; Phippsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, A. Judson; Topsham, Seth S. Gerry; Topsham, Isaac P. Tebbetts; Union, Dr. Augustus Vaughan; Waldoboro First, Rev. Edward C. Crane; Waldoboro Second, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett; Washington, Rev. F. V. Norcross, a. c.; Wiscasset, Silas L. Young; Woolwich, Rev. Henry Thayer.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Alna,——: Bath, Winter St. David T. Percy; Bath, Central, Henry E. Palmer; Boothbay First, Daniel Dodge; Boothbay Second, George B. Kenniston; Bremen,——: Bristol, Thomas H. Fassett, (Union); Edgecomb, Charles W. Cate; Lisbon,——: New Castle First,——: New Castle Second, Alonzo W. Glidden; Phippsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, W. S. D. Healey; Thomaston, Joseph H. Jacobs; Topsham, Charles E. Scribner; Union, Frederick H. Seiders; (Union School at Appleton, Nathan Hawkes:); Waldoboro First, Dea. George Allen; Waldoboro Second,——: Warren, Thomas Walker; Washington, (Union Sch.) H. G. McCurdy; Wiscasset, Hannibal Small; Woolwich, two schools. Rev. H. O. Thayer, and Dea. F. Carleton

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, *Reporter*. Next meeting with Central church, Bath, June 11, 12, 1884.

**LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Phippsburg, May 1, 1844.—Meets first Tuesday of February, May, and November. Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, *Scribe*. *Members*,—p. 92, Minutes 1880.

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814, does not meet.

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church at Andover, October 17, 18, 1882. Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of South Paris, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway, James 2: 14 and Gal. 2: 16. Faith and works. Conference Sermon, Rev. Gilman Rice, of Sumner, Heb. 2: 9—12. The joy of saving souls. Topics for remark:—1. What is it to be a Christian. (a.) in the family; (b.) in society; (c.) in giving; (d.) in the Sabbath School; (e.) in the prayer-meeting. 2. The Sabbath, its Divine authority,—the proper manner of observing it. 3. Christians among children and youth, why are they so few. 4. The Holy Spirit—His office and work. 5. The absence of the Spirit at the present time, its cause, and the duty of Christians regarding it. 6. The best method of reaching non-church-goers. Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of Me. Miss'y Soc., presented the claims of Missions, and Rev. Marshall M. Cutter, of Boston, Sec. of Am. Tract Soc., took part in the exercises of Conference. Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson is employed by the Conference as a General Missionary in the County, and the Am. Tract Soc. pays half the expense, and furnish their publications for circulation. The Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. J. E. Adams, and S. L. Bowler; Deacs. S. S. Stetson, and J. Horton assisting.

A Woman's Missionary meeting was held in the Town Hall, 1.15 P. M., Wednesday.

The church was well filled throughout the sessions, and the services were all interesting.

Visit to Oxford County and Conference. Rev. J. E. Adams, in Ch. Mr. Nov. 11.

**THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING** with the church at Rumford Point, June 5, 6, 1883, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator*.

Opening Sermon, Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of South Paris, Eph. 3: 14—16. The family of God, many in one: bound together by love. Conference Ser-

mon, by the Moderator, Gal. 3:28, Oneness with Christ. Report of the churches by Scribe and Delegates.

Topics for Remark.—How does the religion of Christ differ from all other religions; why is it needed in every human soul; who should bear the responsibility of diffusing it; what agency has the Holy Spirit in this work; who are to be held responsible for the successful maintenance of our Sunday Schools; what duties to the Sunday School have those church members who never attend it; what kind of illustrations are best adapted to the instruction of the younger pupils; Oxford Conference Mission work;—why should every one of our churches assist in advancing it; claims of the Maine Missionary Society; liberality in giving for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Theo. C. Jerome and Gilman Rice.

A prayer and praise meeting commenced each session.

The church in Dixfield, organized in 1806, May 8, not returned by the Scribe to Conference in his annual Report this year.

Rev. THEODORE CHARLES JEROME, (Hamilton Coll. 1869, Andover Sem'y, 1872,) installed pastor at Gorham, N. H., Oct. 24, 1882. Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, Me., *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Sidney A. Burnaby, of Lancaster, N. H., *Scribe*. The installation services were held in the evening. 1. Anthem, "Protect us, Father, through the night." 2. Invocation, Rev. George V. Osgood, of Littleton, N. H. 3. Scripture Reading, Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of South Paris, Me. 4. Hymn, "Come Holy Ghost in Love." 5. Sermon by the Moderator, Isa. 55:10, 11.—Theme, Triumphant career of the Gospel. 6. Installing prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Me. 7. Hymn, "Let Zion's watchmen all awake." 8. Charge to pastor, Rev. Nehemiah Libb, of North Bridgton, Me. 9. Right hand, Rev. Thomas P. Williams, of Hallowell, Me. 10. Address to the church, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman, Me., a former pastor. 11. Greeting from other denominations, Rev. H. Foss, of the Methodist Ch. Gorham, N. H. 12. Hymn, "I love thy Kingdom, Lord." 13. Benediction by the pastor.

Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, acting-pastor of this church, from June 1, 1876, closed his labors, June 25, 1882. Installed pastor at Berlin, Kensington, Conn., May 3, 1883.

ALBERT DONNELL, (Bangor Seminary, 1882,) ordained and installed pastor of the church in Berlin, N. H., June 22, 1883. Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of State church, Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of South Paris, *Scribe*. Reading of Scriptures and prayer, Rev. Sidney A. Burnaby, of Lancaster, N. H.; hymn; sermon, Rev. Francis B. Denio, Prof. in Theo. Sem'y, Bangor, Isa. 8, 20. The Bible our Standard. Installing prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; charge to pastor, by the Moderator; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Jonathan B. Cook, of Hebron, N. H.; charge to people, Rev. Theodore C. Jerome, Gorham, N. H.; hymn; prayer, Jacob Horton, Bethel, Me.; benediction, by pastor.

Rev. EDMOND CUNNINGHAM INGALLS, (Harvard, 1873, Andover, 1876,) installed pastor of the church in South Paris, Aug. 1, 1883. Council met at 11 a. m., Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, *Moderator*; Rev. Francis D. Leakey, of New Gloucester, *Scribe*. Evening.—Installation services.—Anthem by the choir, Jubilate Deo, by W. F. Sudds; reading the Minutes by the Scribe; anthem, "Love Divine all love excelling," by Bayley; reading the Scriptures and prayer, George W. Cressey, of Oxford; hymn, "Glorious things of thee are spoken;" sermon, Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, Acts, 17:16—31, particular v. 21, 30, 31; installing prayer, Rev. Charles A. White, of Mechanic Falls; hymn, "Father of mercies! bow thine ear;" right hand of fellowship, Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway; charge to pastor, by the Scribe; address to people, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel; anthem, "Pro-

teet us through the coming night," by *Cushman*; prayer, Rev. William P. Fisher; benediction by pastor.

The "Church Hymn Book," by E. F. Hatfield, D. D., is used in the service of song.

**DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE IN BERLIN, N. H., July 22, 1881.** Services.—Anthem by the choir from "The Standard;" Invocation by the pastor, Rev. Albert Donnell; anthem, from "Choral Choir;" Reading of Scripture, Rev. H. F. Foss, of the Methodist ch., Gorham, N. H.; Prayer, Rev. T. C. Jerome, of Gorham, N. H.; Statement by Mr. W. W. Brown, of Portland, chairman of the building committee; Historical sketch of the religious growth of the community, by Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, acting-pastor of the church, 1876-'81, now residing in Berlin, Kensington, Conn.; Hymn, 147, "Songs of the Sanctuary,"—"O Thou to whom, in ancient time;" Sermon by Professor Edward Y. Hincks, of Andover Sem'y, Mass., who preached the discourse at the organization of the church, Nov. 22, 1877. Text of Dedictory Sermon. Ps. 77: 11, 12. Theme,—God's care of his church in the past, our assurance of its ultimate triumph; Consecrating prayer, Rev. Edward H. Greeley, of Concord, N. H.; Hymn 1017, "O Thou, whose own vast temple stands;" benediction by Rev. E. H. Greeley.

The building cost \$10,000. A beautiful structure; large contributions being made towards its completion by friends from abroad. It has a memorial window to the memory of the wife of the chairman of the building committee.

Rev. JAMES I. JONES, (Bangor Sem., 1877,) supplied at Rumford, from June 18; 1882, three months,—and again three months, from June 1883.

Rev. HENRY HAMPSON HUTCHINSON, (Bangor Sem., 1868,) laboring as missionary and as colporteur of Am. Tract Soc., among the hills of Oxford.

Rev. Thomas P. Williams, pastor at Gilead, from June 1879, resigns June 1, 1883.

*Bethel*.—Miss Flora B. Foster, a member of First ch., died in Norway, Dec. 11, æt 32. A loved teacher in public schools.... Address at Commencement of Gould's Academy, May 12, 1883, by Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College.... *Gorham, N. H.*—The church edifice improved at an expense of \$250.... *Hiram*.—A parsonage provided.... *Norway*.—A Society of Christian Endeavor for young people, formed in March, 26 members.... *Norway*.—Charles Sewall Andrews, died Apr. 12, 1883, æt 32. Ob. Ch. Mir., April 21.... *Oxford*.—Rev. F. E. Emrich, before he left for Chicago, collected and expended \$600 on the church edifice in O.... *South Paris*.—Mrs. Eleanor C. Walker, widow of Rev. Joseph Walker. (First pastor 1821, until his death, in 1851.) died Jan. 1, 1883. Ob. Ch. Mir., Feb. 31. Mrs. Eunice Shurtleff, widow of Leonard Shurtleff, Feb'y 3, æt 76. Ob. Ch. Mir., Apr. 28.... *Sumner, East*.—Efforts are making to build a church edifice. Work has been commenced.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Andover, J. H. Bailey; Berlin, N. H., E. M. Abbott; Bethel First, Dea. J. U. Purlington; Bethel Second, Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Benjamin F. Hicks; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; Norway First, Herbert J. Holt; Norway Second, T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Mrs. M. A. Ellis; Rumford, J. K. Elliot; Shelburne, N. H., Dea. E. P. Green; South Paris, Herbert Morse; Sumner, J. T. Stetson, East Sumner; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.** Andover, Elbridge Poor; Berlin, N. H., E. M. Abbott; Bethel First, J. M. Purlington; Bethel Second, Arthur W. Valentine; Dixfield, —; Gilead, William R. Peabody; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; Norway First, Amos T. Holt; Norway Second, Thomas Smiley; Oxford, —; Rumford, J. E. Elliot; Shelburne, N. H., E. P. Green; South Paris, Horace N. Bolster; Sumner, Stephen C. Heald; Upton, Charles Douglass.

W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer*. Next meeting in 1883, October 16, 17, 1883.

**ASSOCIATION.**—Was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Met second Tuesday in May, July, and Sept. Rev. David Garland, of Bangor, *p. t.* *Members.*—Minutes 1879, p. 122.

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

held in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting second Tuesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**MI-ANNUAL MEETING**, held with the church in Brewer Village, Jan. 1883, Dea. Geo. A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*.

Attendance at all the sessions was large, and the exercises of unusual interest and all went away quickened and profited.

Two devotional meetings led by Revs. H. A. Freeman, of Oldtown, and J. E. Adams, of Bangor, were fervent, and the time filled with prayer, and brief remarks.

Reports from the churches were given verbally by the Delegates. These were general and hopeful. Those who were without pastors, felt the general need of a leader, and were looking for some one who would be such to them. These were supplied by members of the Theological Seminary, Bangor, who were rendering acceptable service. Thirteen of the eighteen churches were represented by delegates, and from some of them with no delegates, resolutions were made. The topics discussed were:—1. How can non-church-goers be effectually reached, opened by Rev. Chas. D. Crane, of Hampden, followed by Prof. John S. Sewall, Revs. J. E. Adams, Joseph Smith, Dea. Win. H. Ford, of Bangor, Rev. Samuel W. Chapin of Burlington, and others. 2. What more can be done for the Sabbath School, opened by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown, with additional remarks by others. The prominent feature presented was, more fidelity in what is now done, more of prayer, more of study, consecration, personal effort for the salvation of souls. 3d. What are the conditions of a good prayer-meeting practically set forth by Prof. H. H. Ropes.

Conference Sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Bangor, 8, 19, The love of Christ,—which passeth knowledge. The devotional meetings were conducted by N. H. Harriman, supplying at Brewer. The addition of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. H. A. Freeman, and Samuel W. Freeman.

and frequent singing of a verse or two of some hymn through the time of the devotional element.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING**, was held with the church in Bangor, June 12, 13, 1883. Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, *Moderator*. The service, a devotional meeting led by Rev. James Alexander, of Bangor Village. Topics for discussion,—1. The Sunday School, (a) how we can have a more secure attendance, and best promote its spiritual good, opened by A. L. Bourne, of Bangor; (b) how can the older Christians be interested, opened by Dea. Manly Hardy, Brewer. 2. What should our churches give for Missions, opened by Rev. Chas. B. Wathen, of Bangor. 3. The Prayer meeting, (a) its relation to the church and community, opened by N. H. Harriman, Bangor; (b) who should be responsible for it, opened by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown. 4. What should be the attitude of the church on the temperance question, Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor.

Bangor Seminary. A prayer and praise meeting was held on Tuesday evening, led by Rev. H. A. Freeman. A devotional meeting Wednesday morning, led by Rev. C. B. Wathen, of Orono; A committee on fellowship meetings of the churches was appointed. Rev. H. A. Freeman for that part of the county north of Orono; Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, for the remainder. The Report of the Churches by Dea. E. F. Duran, Scribe. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. H. A. Freeman, and James Alexander. Conference sermon by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Luke, 24: 27. Theme.—The gradual revelation of the Messiah from Eden, through history, the psalms and the prophecies, to his full manifestation in the New Testament. The Question Drawer opened a variety of interesting and practical topics which were answered briefly. The rapidity and terseness of the exercises excited much interest. The service of song was efficiently led during the sessions, by Mr. Andrew W. Page, who played the cabinet organ. Mr. Walter Robinson, on Tuesday evening, assisting with the cornet. The adornment of the new house of worship with foliage, blossoms, and flowers, was very abundant, and most tastefully arranged. The Semi-annual meeting was changed from January, to the second week in October. The sessions were well attended and all the exercises were earnest, practical and uplifting—a source of much enjoyment and profit.

FREDERIC ARTHUR WILSON, of Orono, (Bowdoin 1873, Bangor, 1882.) ordained to the Gospel Ministry in the Congregational church at Orono, October 25, 1882. Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Prof. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor Sem'y, *Scribe*. Council met at 2 P. M. Ordination services at 7 P. M. 1. Organ voluntary. 2. Reading Minutes of Council. 3. Anthem, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah." 4. Reading of Scriptures, Rev. Jona. E. Adams. 5. Prayer by the Scribe. 6. Hymn, read by Rev. L. L. Hanscom, (Methodist,) of Orono, No. 685, "Songs of the New Life." "We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time." 7. Sermon, Rev. Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor Sem'y, 2 Tim. 2: 15. "Study to show thyself approved unto God," etc. 8. Ordaining prayer, Rev. Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Sem'y. 9. Hymn 357, "Lord, thou has taught our hearts, to glow with love's undying flame." 10. Charge to the candidate, by the Moderator. 11. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Hammond St. Ch., Bangor. 12. Hymn, "With heavenly power, O Lord, defend Him whom we now to Thee commend," (Tune,—Lauvan) 13. Benediction, Rev. Frederic A. Wilson.

Mr. W., is to supply the church in Billerica, Mass.

CHARLES B. WATHEN, (Bangor Sem., 1883,) ordained at Orono, June 14, 1883, to the work of the Gospel ministry. Council met at 2:30 P. M., Rev. Prof. John S. Sewall, of Bangor, *Moderator*; Mr. Nathan H. Harriman, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Ordination services, at 7:30. Organ voluntary, Mrs. S. M. Sawyer; reading of Minutes of Council, by the Scribe; selection by choir, "Father, O hear us," (H. R. Palmer;) reading the Scriptures, Rev. L. L. Hanscom, of the Methodist church, Orono, 2 Tim. Chaps. 3, 4; invocation, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Brewer; Hymn, 646, "Songs for the new life;" Sermon, Rev. Prof. Francis B. Denio, Isa. 8: 20, "To the law and to the testimony." This is our standard for moral teaching and religious truth; to this we must always appeal; ordaining prayer by the Moderator; anthem by the choir; charge, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Bluehill, a former pastor; hymn, 661, "How sweetly breathe the lyres above;" benediction by Rev. C. B. Wathen.

Mr. Wathen is to preach in Orono, the coming year, and will be the acting-pastor.

The Council at their afternoon session adopted the following minute.—Whereas there ought to be an organic relation between a minister and the



people to whom he ministers, and the system of stated supplies is detrimental to a permanent pastorate;

Resolved.—That we express our strong preference for the custom of installation, together with ordination.

Rev. GEORGE W. FIELD, pastor of Central Ch. Bangor, from March 1864, has been granted leave of absence for a year; his salary to continue. He, with his wife, will spend a part of the time in Europe. They took passage in the Germania, June 30, accompanied by some of his parishioners. Arrived July 1 at Queenstown, Eng. Rev. Wm. Cuthbertson, recently minister of the Arkham Square Chapel, Chelsea, London, Eng., and in 1879, chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, is engaged to supply the Central Ch. three months, from, July 1, 1883.

Rev. CLARENCE A. BECKWITH, pastor of the first Ch. Brewer, from May 9, 1878, dismissed Sept. 4, 1882. Rev. Prof. John S. Sewall D. D., of Bangor Sem'y, Moderator of Council; Rev. Charles D. Crane, of Hampden, Maine. Reported Ch. Mr. Sept. 23.

Mr. B., installed pastor South Church, West Roxbury, Nov. 21, 1882.

Mr. NATHAN HARDING HARRIMAN, a graduate of Harvard College, 1877, and member of the middle class, Bangor Theo. Sem'y, supplying the first Ch. Brewer, from Nov. 1882, to June 1, 1883. At this date, he began his engagement to supply the First Ch. Bangor, during his Senior year.

Rev. BENJAMIN BUXTON MERRILL (Bangor, 1874,) acting pastor at Brewer, from June 1, 1883.

Rev. JAMES ALEXANDER. (Forfarshire, Scotland,) acting pastor of the church in Brewer Village, and the church in East Orrington, from April 1, 1883.

Rev. CHARLES D. CRANE, a. p. at Hampden, from Jan'y 1, 1881, accepts a call to Wickliff Presbyterian Ch. Newark, N. J., April, 1883. Professor John S. Wall, of the Seminary, now supplying.

Rev. Clarendon A. Stone, at Brewer Village, 1871-2, installed pastor in Racine, Wis., Dec. 29, 1881.

Rev. John G. Evans, at Kenduskeag, in 1875, is at Pittston, Pa., ministering to a flourishing church.

Rev. Newman Smyth, pastor First Ch. Bangor, 1870-'74, installed pastor Central Cong'l Ch., New Haven, Sept. 20, 1882. Sermon, Rev. A. McKenzie, Cambridge, Mass.; installing prayer, Rev. Prof. Samuel Harris; address to people, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour.

Dr. Smyth and Rev. G. L. Walker, of Portland, elected Directors at Large of the Am. Home Missionary Soc. Nov., 1882.

Rev. Smith Baker, pastor at Orono, 1864-'8-'71, now of Lowell, Mass., appointed a member of the Executive Committee of Massachusetts Home Missionary Soc., and of the Monday Minister's meeting, Boston.

Rev. Alfred J. McGown, pastor at Orono, 1877-'81 resigns at Claremont, N. H., and appointed General Missionary of the Maine Missionary Society, now at Bar Harbor,

Rev. Charles E. Harrington, at Brewer Village in 1873, resigns at Concord, N. H., and was installed as pastor at Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1882.

Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, pastor at Brewer Village and E. Orrington, 1879—, installed pastor at New Haven, Vt., Jan'y 18, 1883. Sermon, Rev. S. L. Speare, of Middlebury, Vt.; installing prayer, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Middlebury Coll.

Rev. Jonathan Edwards, pastor at Brewer Village and East Orrington 1875-'9, was pastor Plymouth Church, Hyde Park, Pa., published a lecture defending

prohibition, delivered Jan'y 7, '83, which is published in an octavo form, 16 pp with an appendix of 8 pps. Letter from him at Scranton, in Ch. Mirror, Aug. 5, 1882.

Hammond Street Church, Bangor, published its annual record in January 1883, in a pamphlet of eight pages, 12mo, and in April the first number of quarterly church paper, of four pps. small Quarto called "Our Record," contains the pastors greeting; reports of Committees on visitation; committe for the sick and needy; Sunday School committee; Deacon's work; Ladies Circle; Young Ladies' work; Young people's report of their weekly meeting prayer meeting topics, etc. The pastor prepared and circulated a manuscript presenting several departments of Christian work, with a request that each one should indicate on a blank leaf, what part they would endeavor to do, at return to him.

The Central Church Literary Club, Bangor, Rev. John S. Sewall, President has had lectures during the season, from Rev. Thomas Hill, of Portland, Reuben Thomas, of Brookline, Mass., Rev. William Cuthbertson, of London Eng., Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, of Bangor, and others.

Miss Grace N. Kimball and Miss Lettie Johnson, who left New York, Jan. 17, arrived at Van, Eastern Turkey, their destination, Sep. 9. They were five weeks on horse-back from Trebizond, over the Taurus and Ararat mountains a thousand feet higher than Mt. Washington. They slept in tents all the five weeks, except one night in a house. They rested at Erzeroon and Bit twelve days. Letters from them have been read at the meetings of the Bangor Auxiliary Woman's Board. Letter from Miss Kimball, in *Life and Light*, for February, p. 48.... Letters from Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Harpoot, Turkey, in Ch. Mir. Sept. 30, 1882, Feb'y 24, 1883. From Mrs. C. H. Wheeler in *Life and Light*, May 1883, p. 167. Miss Emily C. Wheeler, *Life and Light* Feb'y 1883, p. 51.

Rev. Rufus S. Underwood, supplied at Burlington a few weeks, among other churches in the State, and was instrumental of promoting a general interest in the church and community.

At Oldtown, there was religious interest during the winter.... Efforts for building a church edifice in Milford, have so far succeeded, that the committee expect soon to begin the work.

Meetings in the interests of the Am. Home Missionary Society were held in the churches at Bangor, Feb'y. 4, 1883. Address in the First Church, by Rev. Wm. G. Pufferfoot, Supt. Mission Work in Michigan; in Hammond St. Ch. Rev. Addison Blanchard, Supt. in Colorado and Wyoming; Rev. J. B. Clark Secretary, in Central Ch. In the evening a united meeting in First Church Bangor, where all were present; also Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. of the Main Missionary Soc. Notice of the meetings in ten towns in different parts of the State, by Rev. J. E. Adams, in Ch. Mir. Feb. 3.

A course of six lectures on English History and Literature was given in Central church, Bangor, between Nov. 6, and Jan'y 15, by Professor John S. Sewall D. D., of Bangor Seminary. They were fully attended by the citizens.

The Reform Club, Woman's Crusade and Woman's Christian Temperance Union, have pursued their work during the year. Addresses have been given by Mrs. McLaughlin, of Boston, and Mrs. Stevens, of Portland.

The Penobscot County Sunday School Convention held in Bangor, Oct. 1 '82. Professor John S. Sewall gave an address on the importance of having a proper conception of what the Bible teaches. Professor Levi L. Paine, on the importance of sowing the good seed.

Rev. Henry L. Griffin, delivered in Hammond St. Ch., Bangor, the Memorial Discourse, before the Beale Post G. A. R., and Mr. N. H. Harriman in First Ch., Brewer, before the Brewer Memorial Association, May 27.

The Bangor Young Men's Christian Association, have steadily and actively pursued their work. A weekly bulletin, of four pages small quarto, is published monthly, giving details of their work, in lectures, meetings, Bible classes, teachings, reading room, visitations, etc. A Ladies' Auxiliary was formed Sept. 28, of which Mrs. J. E. Adams is President. They have arranged entertainments and instruction for the boys.

Dea. John L. Parker, died in Bangor, Aug. 12, at 75. For many years a faithful officer in the church at Dedham, Me.... Mrs. Sarah F. Woodhull, in Bangor, Sept. 24, at 73,—widow of Rev. Richard Woodhull, formerly pastor at Thomaston; and Treasurer and Agent of Bangor Seminary.... Mrs. Maria Stetson Sparhawk, in Bangor, Dec. 31. Burial at Bucksport.... William Gallope, M. D., in Bangor, Feb. 13, 1883, at 78.... Dea. Phillip Page, in Burlington, Feb. 21, 1883, at 74. A resident fifty years. O. Ch. Mir., March 3.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor First, Arthur F. Gilman; Bangor Hammond Street, Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor Central, Henry S. Brown; Bangor East, Allen C. Tibbets; Brewer First, Alpheus Robinson; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent; Burlington, Miss M. C. Scammon; Dedham, Amos S. Moulton; Dixmont and Plymouth, George H. Thayer, Plymouth; Hampden, Augustus Alden; Holden, George C. Wiswell; Kenduskeag, B. F. Higgins; Lincoln, Robert R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Chas. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Graves; East Orrington, Dea. T. B. George; Upper Stillwater, Miss Isa Rogers; Veazie, Dea. David S. Howard, p. t.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Bangor First, James M. Crosby; Hammond St., J. Milton Daggett; Central, Andrew C. Sawyer; East Bangor, Merrick Wiley; West Bangor N. Wilmot Littlefield; Essex St., Bangor, Joseph Moore; Brewer First, Manly Hardy; Brewer Village, J. Wyman Phillips; Burlington, George M. Page; Dedham, Amos S. Moulton; Dixmont and Plymouth, Dixmont (Union,) E. M. Doloff; Plymouth (Union,) W. H. Conant, Hampden, W. K. Nason; Holden, J. Lawrence Copeland; Kenduskeag, (Union,) Jacob C. Temple; Lincoln, O. H. Chesley; Dis. No. 4, R. R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Charles A. Bailey; Orono, Merritt C. Fernald; Orrington East, T. W. Robinson; Upper Stillwater, (Union,) — Veazie, (Union.) —

Dea. E. F. Duren, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Semi-annual meeting with the church in Brewer Village, Jan. 9, 10, 1883.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday preceeding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—*Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 92.—Rev. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor, *Scribe*.

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, one week before usual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October,

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Monson, October 18, 1882. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*.—Sermons by v. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, Prov. 18: 24, "There is a friend that seeketh closer than a brother," and by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, Mt. 5: 16, "Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel." Topics remark.—How shall the Gospel be presented in order to be successful; dern doubts;—how shall we deal with them; the best method of presenting temperance cause by the churches; how can the church best aid the young

converts: the faith essential to success in the work of the churches, (a) the kind of faith; (b) on the part of whom. On Wednesday evening, William G. Mann was ordained. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Chas. L. Nichols, of Brownville, and Darius A. Morehouse.

"The meetings were of more than usual interest."

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Brownville, June 12, 13, 1883. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Subjects for discussion:—1. The Christian life as an experience. 2. The relation of the Holy Spirit to the Christian life. 3. Relation of the parents to the piety of children. 4. The young the hope of the church. The Report of the Churches, by the Scribe, Rev. H. W. Emerson, of Monson, noticed Brownville, Foxcroft and Dover, as places where there was more than usual religious interest, and some conversions in connection with meetings held during the week of prayer. Sermons by Rev. D. A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God;" Rev. Charles Davison, Acts 8:8. Theme.—The beneficial influence of a joy-giving religion. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. D. A. Morehouse and P. B. Thayer.

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions was held at the usual time.

WILLIAM GERRY MANN, (Colby, 1878, Yale, 1882) ordained and installed Pastor at Monson, October 18, 1882. Council met at 4 P. M., Rev. Chas. L. Nichols, of Brownville, *Moderator*; Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*. Ordination services, 7 P. M. Reading Minutes of Council; anthem by the choir; invocation and Scripture reading, Rev. E. C. Lang, (Baptist) of Monson; prayer, Geo. M. Sanborn, of Abbott, *ec.*; singing, Hymn 96, "Songs of Christian Praise," Swell the anthem, raise the song;" sermon by the Scribe, Heb. 13:8 "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, and to-day, and forever;" Hymn 507, "I love thy Kingdom Lord;" ordaining prayer, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; charge by the Moderator; right hand, Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson; hymn 510, "We bid thee Welcome;" address to church, Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville; doxology; benediction by the Pastor.

Rev. Herbert A. Loring dismissed by Council from the church of Foxcroft and Dover, October 26, 1880, (Minutes 1881, p. 85, and not as in Minutes 1882, p. 86.)

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, pastor at Garland thirty-five years, spent his six weeks vacation in the Aroostook County, in missionary labor, with headquarters in Presque Isle and Caribou. This church held a service, reading a sermon, and having a good attendance at church and Sunday School. On his return, owing to the sparse attendance in many places he had visited, preached with new zest to his people, on the benefits of public worship. He preaches in out-lying districts in G. as well as at the Center.

Mr. T. preached the Memorial Sermon G. A. R., at Garland, May 27, 1883.

Rev. Thomas M. Davies, at Dexter from Dec. 1, 1881, has resigned, June '83; goes to Bridgton.

George M. Sanborne, Licentiate at Monson and Abbott, 1882, has been laboring in Washington County, a few weeks, and has accepted a call to First Cong'l Ch., Dallas, Texas, and to render service as general missionary, with headquarters at Dallas.

Louise S. Curtis, died in Garland, June 8, 1882, æt 69. Wife of Dea. Geo. Curtis.... Mildred A. Hiscock, in Monson, Dec. 26. Eldest daughter of Dea. G. B. Hiscock. Ob. Ch. Mir. Jan'y 6, 1883.... Frank N. Baker, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan'y 17, æt 29. A son of the late Rev. John Baker, pastor at Monson, 1835-'9, afterwards at Kennebunkport and Wilton. This son was connected with the New York Sub-Treasury, and a brother of Daniel Baker, late chief of Bureau of Loans, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Piscataquis Teachers' Association at Milo, Nov. 5—7, 1882; at Abbot, May 19, 1883.

**MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Abbott Village, Washington W. Delano; Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Alvin D. Sturtevant; Brownville, Enos W. May; Dexter, Mrs. Chloe P. Barron; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodcock; Dover, Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Charles Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hiscok; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

**PERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Abbott Village, W. W. Flynt; Brownville, (Union School,) Russell Hart; Blanchard, Joseph B. Packard; Brownville, Adams H. Merrill, 2d; Dexter, P. J. Abbott; Foxcroft and Dover, D. A. Morehouse; Garland, Henry Murdock; Greenville, F. L. Sawyer; Monson, Gustavus B. Hiscok; Sangerville, (Union School.)

**SECRETARIES.**—Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference*; C. H. B. Woodcock, of Foxcroft, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Garland, Oct. 16, 17, 1883.

**PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 91.

### SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting, Tuesday before and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in November.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held in connection with the Kennebec Conference, with the church in Gardiner, October 17, 18, 1882. Reported p. 80.

**THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Bingham, Nov. 12, 13, 1883. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening prayer by the Moderator, p. t. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Anson, Romans 14:7, "one of us liveth to himself," etc.; Conference Sermon, Rev. Almon J. Rackliff of Skowhegan, Romans 8:1, 2, "No condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus," etc. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D., of Skowhegan, and the Moderator. Topics discussed:—"How can the church more effectually labor with the non-church-going portion of the community," introduced by Rev. Geo. L. Edwards; "how can the scepticism of the present day be met and successfully refuted," Rev. A. J. Rackliff; the relation of the church to its young people, and how can it be made more helpful to them," Mr. Justus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan; how can the duty of attending the prayer meeting be made evident to the church members, Rev. B. Tappan, D. D.; how should the Sabbath be observed, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison. Each session was commenced with a prayer and praise service.

The Conference was one of more than ordinary interest, and profitable."

**Rev. ALMON JORDAN RACKLIFF**, ordained pastor of Island Avenue Church, Skowhegan, June 13, 1882. (Record Minutes, 1882, p. 87.)

**Rev. B. Frost, Lic.**, supplied two months at Canaan, and A. B. Shaw, *Lic.*, a month from June, 1883.

**Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D. D.**, Norridgewock, on his return from Europe, received a reception and entertainment arranged by his people, Oct. 10, 1882. Dr. Tappan gave a lecture, Dec. 17, upon English and European Institutions, Literature, Customs, Religion, Customs, Agriculture, etc., in comparison with American institutions,—giving America the preference. The lecture was illustrated by slides of travel in connection with his recent tour in Europe. Ch. Mirror, number 23

Frederic T. McLeod and Charles B. Wathen, Licentiates, have supplied North Anson, portions of the year.

Sabbath Services and a Sabbath School have been sustained at South Anson, by a union of the Congregational and Baptist churches. A picnic of the School was held in a grove, Sept. 1. Rev. John Dinsmore took part in arranging for the entertainment and exercises. He has supplied both at North and South Anson; from June 1, 1883, at North Anson. This church is making preparation to build a new church edifice.

The church and society in Solon, met in the Town Hall, in April, for a social reception of the pastor, Rev. Richard M. Peacock.

The Annual meeting of the Somerset County Sunday School Society was held in Norridgewock, Feb'y, 13, 1883.

Mr. Leander Shaw, of New York, has given \$1000 to establish a town library in Mercer, where he formerly resided. It was opened Jan'y 1, 1883.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, James W. Bixby; Bingham, T. F. Houghton; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison East, David Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New Portland North, Dr. W. H. Stephens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, F. R. Buck; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Charles Jewett; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Anson, Asa M. Gilman, Athens, E. S. Dutton; Bingham, F. T. Houghton; Madison, Nathan Wood; Madison East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, D. Wood; New Portland North, Charles A. Wilber; Norridgewock, A. Kenniston; Skowhegan, Augustus R. Bixby; Solon, John T. Merrill; South Solon, Calvin Jewett; St. Albans, A. E. Fuller.

Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Semi-annual meeting, which will be in union with the Kennebec Conference, will be held in Oct. 1883. Next annual meeting in Norridgewock, June 10, 11, 1884.

**SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.**—See Kennebec and Somerset Association, p. 76.

## UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized at Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting Tuesday, previous to the second Wednesday in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last Tuesday in October, (two days.)

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church at Waterford, Oct. 31, and Nov. 1, 1882. Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton, *Moderator*, who preached the opening sermon, John 21: 15—17. Theme.—Feeding the church quite an important as folding. Conference Sermon, Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, Phil. 1: 21, the possibilities for every human soul that has the Gospel, 1. as to his life; 2. as to his death.

Addresses and discussions.—1. What is the duty of the churches, in view of the almost entire lack of conversions within our limits, opened in reference to Pastors, by Dea. J. H. Lovejoy, of Albany. In reference to members, by Revs. N. Lincoln, and O. W. Rogers. 2. Ought not the means of grace, as mission Sabbath Schools, and neighborhood prayer-meetings, be carried more into the remote parts of our parishes,—the ministers part in this work opened by Deas. Shurtleff and Maybury; the member's part, Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Hiram. 3. What qualifications are necessary to successful Christian labor. Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D. 4. Missions and benevolence. Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell. 5. Christian activity and usefulness,—in what it consists,

Judge Woodbury, of Bethel; (a) when may a body of believers be called an active christian church, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson; (b) the importance of christian activity, and how best secured, Rev. Wm. B. Hagne, of Bridgton; (c) what is woman's part in such activity, Deas. Charles Gould, and James Shaw; (d) to promote it, is more doctrinal, or more emotional preaching needed, Deas. S. Warren, and J. H. Cobb; 6. can discipline be advantageously administered to church members who are regularly absent from the services of the church with no good excuse, and who fail to show any interest in the work of the church, Hon. Enoch Woodbury, of Bethel. 7. The significance of the Lord's Supper; who are privileged to partake; what form of invitation may be given by the churches, Rev. J. K. Mason, U. D. 8. The privileges, influence and opportunities of the christian within the church, and outside, Rev. E. S. Jordan, and Dea. Fittfield. 9. How widely may men differ in their religious views, and be members of the same church, or conscientiously labor together for one Master, Deas. Lewis Libbey, and Andrew Woodbury.

Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. of Maine Missionary Society was present, and spoke on Missions and Benevolence. Verbal Reports of the churches were given. Each session was opened with devotional exercises, and closed with a season of prayer. On Tuesday evening, Praise and Thanksgiving service for a half-hour, led by Rev. Dr. Mason. The affairs of the Union Conference Bible Society were discussed; and what aid could be rendered the church in Naples.

The Conference adopted resolutions commending the Biblical presentation of the doctrines, especially of the atonement; of sin, righteousness and judgment; discouraging any departure from the plain Scriptural statements of the doctrines of the future life. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. E. Adams and O. W. Rogers. Thirteen churches were represented. "A good attendance, and a good degree of interest pervaded the meetings; and the Holy Spirit was manifestly present."

Rev. J. E. Adams has a letter on Union Conference in Ch. Mir., Nov. 18.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in South Bridgton, Mr. Charles H. Gould, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, 2 Tim. 1:6, "I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God that is in thee" Conference sermon, Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan of Brownfield, Mark 7:23, "All these things proceed from within." Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, and Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford. Topics discussed;—1. Christian living; (a) what is the scriptural standard of Christian living; (b) do we live up to it? Ought we? How can we? (c) what special all for such living and work. 2. The range of individual religious work; (a) have I a special part to perform? why? (b) is my work done? If not, how and when shall I do it? 3. Church work; (a) what are our churches set to do; (b) how can they be led to do it; (c) to what extent does such work depend upon the preachers? to what extent upon the laymen? 4. Our special needs as churches and christians.

Report of the churches, by the Scribe. Resolutions were passed in memory of Rev. Isaac H. Libbey,—Ob. in Necrology. "The meeting deeply spiritual and profitable."

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, pastor at Bridgton, from Nov. 1, 1878, accepts a call to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, leaves Feb'y 1, 1883.

Rev. THOMAS MATHEW DAVIES (Swansea Ac.; Bangor Sem., 1874,) accepts call to Bridgton, July 1, '83.

Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, Waterford, issued a card for the new year, noting the meetings, topics, benevolent objects, etc., of the First and Second churches, and a reference to ten important subjects, with an appeal carefully to study the passages of Scripture, enforcing them. Mr. R. who has been acting-pastor

of these churches since July 18, 1880, resigned at North Waterford, 2d church, to take effect June 1.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, gave the second lecture in the course before the Home School at Waterford, Jan'y 16, in which he gave a leaf from his travels in Europe, especially his experience in the Alps.... Dr. Mason's Letter from St. John, N. B., where he preached, in Ch. Mir. Nov. 4.

Rev. Horace A. Leavitt, at Hiram, 1871, afterwards Missionary to Japan accepts a call to North Andover, Mass., Aug 1882.

Rev. John W. Brownville, pastor at South Bridgton, 1873-'77, accepts a call to Hanover, Mass., Nov., 1882.

Rev. Doane R. Atkins, at Albany, 1870-'4, supplying Custer City and vicinity, Dakota.

Rev. Charles W. Shelton, at Denmark, 1879-'81, at Dell Rapids, Dakota—had also a mission at East Fulton, Mich.

M. W. Adams, of Hartford Seminary, supplies at Denmark, four months from May 20, 1883.

At Martha's Grove Camp Meeting in Fryeburg, Aug. 30, 1882, Mrs. Cella Waterhouse, lately returned from Concepcion, Chili, South America, reported concerning her work in the self-supporting mission, started by Rev. Wm. Taylor for cradling a future church, and republic.

The Waterford Home School (Young Ladies' Seminary,) observed its yearly anniversary, June 17—19. Baccalaureate Discourse, June 17, by Rev. J. S. Richards, Prov. 31: 30, 31. Th me.—Usefulness. Anniversary address by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.

Rev. Isaac H. Libby, pastor at Stowe, and Chatham, 1878-'80, died in Strong, Feb. 14, 1883, æt 27. See Necrology.

Died in Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 7, 1882. Mrs. M. A. Hague, æt 64. The mother of Rev. Wm. B. Hague, pastor at South Bridgton.... At Lovell Village, Mrs. Susan Eastman, Sept. 22, æt 86,—widow of James Eastman,—Ob. Ch. Mir., Sept. 30.... In North Bridgton, Dec. 19, Mrs. Nancy, widow of the late Dr. Samuel Farnsworth, æt 85.... In Lovell Village, Jan. 7, 1883, the widow of Dea. Darius Moore, æt 78. A beloved and helpful member of the church fifty years.... In Augusta, Feb. 23, Enoch Perley Fessenden, a grand-son of Rev. William Fessenden,—pastor in Fryeburg, 1775—1805.... Capt. Thomas Kilbourn, in Waterford, July 14, æt 90. Ob. by R., Ch. Mir. July 21.... Dea. William Chute, Naples, July 15, æt 64.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, John H. Caswell; Bridgton North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton South, Thomas P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Moses S. Eastman; Denmark, Clara W. Davis; Fryeburg, Mrs. G. S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard; Lovell, Joseph F. Sterns; Naples, Dea. Enoch Gaminon; Otisfield, W. W. Andrews, P. O. Norway; Stowe and Chatham, Dea. Joshua Fifield, Stowe; Sweden, Lewis Frost; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford North, John D. Horr.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Lewis Smith; Bridgton North, Charles H. Gould; Bridgton South, Joash O. Knapp; Brownfield, Zenas O. Wentworth; Casco, James H. Tolman; Denmark, Dea. William F. Davis; Fryeburg, Andrew H. Evans; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, John Pierce; Lovell, J. F. Sterns, Lovell Center; G. H. Moore, Lovell Village; Naples, —; Otisfield, —; Stowe and Chatham, Horace J. Binford; Sweden, Andrew Woodbury; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford North, Ezra B. Hersey.



Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting at North Bridgton, Oct. 30, 31, 1883.

UNION ASSOCIATION.—Organized in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834.—Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. *Members, Minutes 1879*, p. 93. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, North Bridgton, *Scribe*.

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Freedom, October 10, 11, 1882. Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Stockton, *Moderator*.—Opening Sermon by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, Isa. 59:16. "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him." Conference Sermon, Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Sandy Point, John 1:29. "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Topics discussed.—1. The Christian (a) in the closet; (b) in the prayer meeting; (c) in the world. 2. Revivals, (a) how far should the church depend upon them; (b) how best promoted. More time than usual was given to devotional services, with favorable results.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Winterport, June 12, 13, 1883. Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport, *Moderator*; Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, *Scribe, pro tem*.

Topics for discussion:—1. Revivals,—the ends to be sought, the means to be used; opened by Rev. W. R. Cross, of Camden. 2. The Sabbath School,—its Mission, the Spirit and Methods essential to its Success; opened by the Moderator. 3. Is there a decline in attendance upon Public Worship? If so, what are the Causes and the Remedies? Opened by Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast. Sermon at the opening, by Rev. Wellington R. Cross; at the close by the Moderator; followed by the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper,—Deacons Upton Treat and R. S. Dole, assisting.

REV. BENJAMIN B. MERRILL, pastor of the First Church, Searsport, from Nov. 9, 1876, resigns on account of his health. Dismissed by Council, March 8, 1883. Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Stockton, *Moderator*; Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe*.

A farewell gathering was held in the vestry, June 4. "crowning the years of constantly increasing friendly and fraternal intercourse."—a purse of over \$100 in gold was presented to him. Mr. B., acting-pastor First Church, Brewer, from June 1, 1883.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, left May 14, 1883, for a tour in Europe five months—visiting England, Scotland, Wales, France; thence up the Rhine to Switzerland and Italy. His daughter accompanies him, for whose health, chiefly, the trip is made. Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, of Bangor Seminary, supplies during June, 1883. .... John S. Caldwell, died in Belfast, March 20, æt 71. A bookseller in B. from 1837, and identified with the religious interests of the city.

Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, pastor in Camden, 1857—'67, preached in Camden, July 30, 1882, giving interesting reminiscences of his pastorate among them. The following evening his friends gave him a reception. His wife, Mrs. Margaret McFarlane Chapin, died in North Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 25, 1882, æt 41. In 1864, she went as a Missionary of the Canada Foreign Missionary Society

from Camden, to South Coast of Labrador, and remained four years. Ob. Congregationalist, Nov. 15.

A series of meetings held in Camden, in which Rev. R. S. Underwood assisted, resulted in a spiritual quickening and ingathering of souls, Jan'y 1883.

Rev. Albert F. Newton, at Frankfort, 1874, dismissed from Townsend, Mass., and installed pastor, at Marlboro, Mass., Sept. 5, 1882.

Died in Frankfort, Sept. 5, 1882. Elisha Chick, æt 84. Fifty years a church member. Ch. Mr. Sept. 30.

The meeting-house of the Second Church, Searsport, is to be thoroughly repaired.

Deaf mutes of Maine appointed their annual religious convention, at Belfast, Aug. 25, 26, 1883.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast First, Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, E. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, Rinaldo Elder; Jackson and Brooks, E. E. Morton, Jackson; Rockport, Jonas Merriman; Sandy Point, Mrs. Samuel French; Searsport First, Joseph Field; Searsport Second, J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Frank W. Huley, p. t.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Belfast, Augustus Perry; Belfast North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, C. M. Brastow; Freedom, Joseph H. Brown; Frankfort, Hayward Pierce; Jackson and Brooks, Charles Croxford; Rockport, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow; Sandy Point, Robert S. Doe; Searsport First, George L. Merrill; Searsport Second, Mary A. Bailey; Unity, —; Winterport, Frank W. Huley.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting, at Searsport Harbor, October 2, 3, 1883.

WALDO ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Four meetings in the year. *Members, Minutes 1879, p. 33.* Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday in October, at the first full of the moon.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Machias, in connection with the Semi-centennial of the church, September 12, 13, 14, 1882. Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, *Moderator*. The following topics were discussed:—1. What is a Christian home, and what its importance, opened by Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais. 2. Is there need of more attention to the subject of home influence, Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport. 3. The importance of the Sunday School, to supplement home influence in the conversion of Children,—Rev. Charles Whittier and Edgar M. Cousins. Conference sermon, by Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, John 3: 19, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light," etc. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Geo. W. Kelley, and Chas. Whittier.—Deas. E. G. Wilder and Lyman Gardiner. Morning prayer-meetings of deep interest, were held on Wednesday and Thursday.

The newly organized church in Jonesboro was added to the Conference. Seventeen of the twenty churches were represented. The churches are some of them, over seventy miles apart, and no railroads in the County.

The first day was devoted to the Centennial of the Organization of the church in Machias. Rev. Henry F. Harding, a. p. 1855-71. delivered an Historical discourse, which is to be published.

(The Publishing Committee have endeavored to secure a report of the Centennial exercises but none has been received; so that it must be deferred to another year.)

**THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.** with the church in Eastport, June 2, 13, 1883. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator*.

The questions and topics discussed were:—1. How shall Christians use the Sabbath for personal and public advantage. Rev. D. Greene. and others. 2. The work of the churches in Washington County. Revs. McCully, and Chapin. 3. Christian fellowship between individuals, churches, and denominations. Dea. Vose, and others of different denominations. Sermons by Revs. George E. Chapin, of Princeton, 1 Kings 19: 10. "I, even I only, am left." Theme,—The Lord's army of one; and Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, 1 Tim. 1: 5. "Love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned." Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Daniel Greene and Geo. E. Chapin, —Deas. Peter E. Vose and Leonard Peabody.

Eight ministers were present; one riding fifty miles and another over sixty miles.

**GEORGE AUGUSTUS MARR.** (Univ. of Lewisburg, Pa., 1877, Princeton, 1881. Union, 1882.) Ordained as an Evangelist, in Milltown, N. B., October 14, 1882. Council met at 2:30 P. M.. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, *Moderator*; Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton, *Scribe*.

Ordination services, 7:30 P. M. 1. Organ voluntary. 2. Reading Minutes of Council. 3. Reading Scriptures and prayer. Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias. 4. Hymn by choir and congregation. 5. Sermon by the Moderator, Phil. 2:16 "Holding forth the word of life." Theme,—The part of the people in the preaching of the Gospel. 6. Hymn 1025. Songs of the Sanctuary. "How beautiful are their feet." 7. Ordaining prayer, Rev. Fred E. Shaw, of East Machias. 8. Charge, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. 9. Right hand of fellowship, by the Scribe. 10. Hymn. 11. Benediction by Rev. George A. Marr.

Mr. Marr supplied the church in Milltown, from May 14, 1882.

In April, 1883. Mr. M. resigned as acting-pastor of this church.

Rev. Richard H. McGown, pastor at Machiasport from March 7, 1882, resigns and was dismissed by Council, Sept. 13, 1882. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, *Moderator*; Rev. George E. Chapin, *Scribe*. Accepts a call to Turner.

Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, pastor at Cherryfield, from June 9, 1880, called to West Church, Portland, from July 1, 1883. Mr. C. delivered the Memorial Discourse before the Hiram Burnham Post G. A. R., Cherryfield, May 27, 1883.

Jean C. Aganier, *Licentiate*, supplying at Steuben, from June 2, 1883.

Rev. Geo. W. Kelley, acting-pastor at Eastport, from April 19, 1877, resigned to take effect April 1.

Rev. Daniel E. Smith, at Robbinston and Red Beach, from Jan'y 1, 1882, resigns Jan'y 1, 1883. Returns to Rockport, Mass. Elijah M. Green, from Hartford, Conn., supplies four months, from May 13.

**CHURCH ORGANIZED AT JONESBORO,** August 22, 1882. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cherryfield, *Scribe*. Sermon by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. Consecrating prayer, Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias. Right hand of Fellowship of the churches. Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias. Address to the new church, by the Moderator. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Daniel Greene and Dea. Joseph Sweetser,

o Malden, Mass., a former member of the church. The church numbers sixteen members. Jean C. Agander, of Bangor Seminary, supplied during the vacation.

Raymond C. Drisko of Bangor Seminary, fulfilling a mission in the county, as Colporteur of the County Bible Society. Headquarters, at Jonesboro.

*Calais.*—A parsonage has been provided, with a large lot in connection, for \$4000.... *Cherryfield.*—Rev. Henry Gale, a missionary in Berniah, from 1874, gave an account of that country, Aug. 13, '82. Hon. Eugene Hale, gave \$50. towards the new chapel.... *Dennysville.*—Pastor Whittier has provided a card giving the services and topics of the Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, and the Young People's Meeting Monday evening, from Jan'y 1. to June 27. On the fourth page is the brief creed of the church.... *Machias.*—A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, has been formed.... *Marshfield.*—Expended for repairs on church edifice, \$55.... *Pembroke.*—United with Methodist church in Sabbath services.... *Red Beach.*—A church edifice is in process of erection.... *Robbinston.*—A new organ provided. Mrs. Lydia G. Snow, returned from Micronesia, July 19, 1882, in impaired health, and is now at her mother's, for needed rest from nervous prostration and over-work.... *Whiting.*—Expended for repairs on church edifice, \$125.

Rev. Samuel D. Hosmer, acting pastor at Eastport, 1855—61, called to Auburn, Mass.... Rev. George Hindley, at Princeton, 1874, now at Nebraska City, Neb.... Rev. Daniel Stover, at Perry, 1874, now at Greeley, Col.... Rev. Alfred F. Marsh, at Princeton and Perry, 1875-'6, resigns at Leadville Col., and accepts a call to Neligh, Neb., Jan'y 1, '83.... Rev. Albert F. Newton, at Jonesport, 1877, was ordained pastor at Marlboro, Mass., Sept. 5, 1882.... Rev. Edwin C. Oakley, Princeton, 1879-'80, is to enter upon a mission at New Tacoma, W. T., the Western Terminus of the Northern Pacific R. R., Puget Sound.... Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Eastport, 1868-'71, accepts a call to West Brookfield, Mass.

Died in Whiting, July 1, 1882, Dea. James Gilpatrick. During the whole period of the history of the church, he has been its senior deacon, and when without a minister, the pastor of the church. He was the only Superintendent of the Sunday School. The faithful friend of every good cause.... In Cherryfield, Aug. 9, Mrs. Ella N., wife of Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, at 28.... In Machiasport, Sept. 9, son of Rev. A. J. McGown.... In Robbinston, March 8, 1883, Mrs. Adeline T. Balkam, at 72,—wife of Dea. Cyrus Balkham. Cong'td. March 22.... In Millbridge, March 16, Edith A., daughter of Rev. E. L. Wallbridge.... In East Machias, July 4, Miss Apphia Foster, at 85. Ob. Ch. Mir. by S., July 28.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts, p. t.; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Dea. Joseph A. Wilson; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesboro, Horace R. Weston; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias East, Dea. S. T. Foster; Machiasport, Alvin N. Harmon. Marshfield, Mrs. Melissa L. Foss; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke; Mrs. Francis M. Pattangall; Perry, Joseph S. Rogers; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., Stephen H. Hitchings; Topsfield, M. J. S. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, James Pope, p. t.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Alexander, (Union,) B. A. Strout; Calais, C. P. Robbins; Cherryfield, Dea. Joseph A. Wilson; Cooper, (Union and Bible class,) Jason L. Doten; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. George A. Peabody, p. t.; Jonesboro, Joseph Bachelder; Jonesport, D. J. Sawyer; Machias, Dea. Gilbert Longfellow; Machias East, Austin Harris; Machiasport, Cyrus P. Sanborn; Marshfield, Ellery T. Smith; Milltown, Edward H. Balkham; Northfield, Stephen Smith; Pembroke, Ebenezer

erry, Charles S. Davis; Princeton. Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robblin-  
Rufus Gates; Topsfield. W. T. Johnson; Whiting. Dea. Merrill  
; Whitneyville. A. C. Palmer.

orge E. Chapin, of Princeton. *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. George A.  
of Eastport. *Treasurer*. Next session in Robblinston. Oct. 16, 17,

INGTON ASSOCIATION.—reported in Minutes 1852—1873. Meeting in  
October. Sub. Association more frequently. Re-organized, June  
*Members*.—Minutes 1879, p. 94. Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennyville,

### YORK CONFERENCE.

ed in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1882. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual  
and Tuesday in October; each continue two days.

ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Elliot, October 10, 11,  
v. Alpha Morton, of Wells, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon by Rev.  
Stowe, of Saco. Deut. 29:29. The all-sufficiency of the Scriptures  
moral and spiritual well-being. Conference Sermon by Rev. Henry  
of Sanford. 1 Cor. 9:22. "All things to all men, that I might by all  
be some." Topics for discussion:—1. The responsibility of laymen  
sition of the church. (a) its discipline; (b) its spirituality; (c) its  
2. The Sabbath School,—how to increase its interest and its spirit-  
The Bible as the word of God and as the hope of the world. Praise  
n Tuesday evening, for a half-hour. The Lord's Supper adminis-  
Revs. C. H. Gales, of Kennebunkport, and Ernest F. Barchers, of  
n. N. H., assisted by Deas. Littlefield and Underwood of York First  
nd Moody of York Second Church.

CITY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Lyman, June 12,  
Rev. David B. Sewall, of York, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev.  
Blanchard, of Biddeford. Psalm 65:2. Theme.—Reasonableness of  
Conference Sermon, Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, of Limington. Ex. 14:15, L. C.  
Christian Progress.

Supper administered by Revs. Benjamin Dodge, of Lebanon, and  
i. Andrews, of Biddeford,—Deacons John F. Stearns, of Saco, and  
Boynton, of Biddeford.

discussed:—1. The characteristics of a model church, (a) spirituality,  
eration with and support of the pastor, (c) mutual harmony and good  
g the members, (d) fraternal fellowship with other Evangelical de-  
ns, (e) devoted interest in the Sunday School,—earnest attention to  
ian nurture of the young and securing their attendance upon public  
(f) constant effort to reach neglectors of the sanctuary, (g) sympathy  
ionary and other benevolent organizations. Opened by Revs. Amos  
V. Newfield; David B. Sewall, York; Wm. A. Merrill, Buxton; Geo.  
ood, Kennebunk; George Lewis, South Berwick; Merrill Blanchard,  
l; Chas. E. Andrews, Biddeford, and Benj. Dodge, respectively. Pas-  
ress by Rev. David S. Hibbard, of Elliot. Report of the Churches by  
. S. Thompson, of Acton. Gain in membership, 22.

WILLIAM WALLACE DOW, (Dartmouth, 1861, Bangor, 1863,) acting-  
Kittery, from Dec., 1882. Post-office address Portsmouth, N. H.

HARLES EVERETT ANDREWS, (Dartmouth, 1875, Bangor, 1881,) late  
astle, is now acting-pastor, (from April 1, 1883.)

REV. JOHN DOLBER EMERSON, (Dartmouth, 1853, Andover, 1858.) accepts call to the First and South Churches, Kennebunkport, June, 1883. (Mr. E. was pastor of Second Church, Biddeford, 1868—1876.)

REV. GEORGE H. WILSON, pastor Second Church, Biddeford, from May 2, 1880, resigns Nov., 1882, called to Owasso, Mich. Dismissed by Council, Nov. 15, 1882. Rev. William A. Merrill, of Buxton, *Moderator*; Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, *Scribe*.

Rev. CHARLES E. STOWE, pastor at Saco, from Nov. 30, 1881, and acting-pastor from May 1, 1879, dismissed Dec. 20, 1882. Rev. William A. Merrill, of Buxton, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk, *Scribe*. Record Ch. Mir., Dec. 30.

Mr. S., installed pastor of Windsor Avenue Congregational Ch., Hartford Conn., January 10, 1883. Sermon, Rev. Alexander McKenzie; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Geo. Leon Wallace.

Rev. CHARLES H. GATES, at Kennebunkport First and South, from Feb'y 1, 1874, resigned Feb'y, 1883, and goes to Deer Isle, First Ch.

Rev. Joseph Freeman, acting-pastor, First Ch., York, from August 1, 1883, died March 22, 1883. (See Necrology.)

Rev. Benjamin Southworth, acting-pastor Second Ch. Wells, from Oct. 1, 1870, to July 1, 1879, died in Peperell, Mass., July 6, 1883. (See Necrology.)

Rev. HENRY T. ARNOLD, Pastor First Ch., Wells, from, Feb. 18, 1880, dismissed by Council May 31, 1883. Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells, *Moderator*; Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, *Scribe*. Mr. A. accepts a call to Tiverton, R. I.

Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, pastor at Limington, from Feb'y 8, 1882, resigns June, 1883, to take effect Oct. 1.

Rev. Amos Redlon, of West Newfield, preaches at Parsonfield, Sabbath afternoons.

Rev. Henry J. Stone, of Sanford, is editor and manager of "The Sanford Weekly News."

Robert F. True, graduate of Bangor Sem., 1880, recently connected with the San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association, is now Secretary of the Biddeford Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Albion H. Johnson, pastor at Limington, 1865-'68, accepts a call to Clarendon Hills, Hyde Park, Mass., Sep., 1882.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN YORK, October 26, 1882. Services.—Anthem by the choir, "Sing Alleluia forth." ("Buck;") invocation by Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells; Hymn 22, "Book of Praise." How charming is the place; Sermon.—President Joshua L. Chamberlain, LL.D., of Bowdoin Coll., Ez. 8:48, "And the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it." An able and interesting setting forth of the power and value of the sanctuary among a people. In illustration it was largely historical, and at the same time spiritual and practical; anthem, by the choir, "Hark! hark! my soul." ("Buck;") dedicatory prayer, Rev. Wm. A. Patten, of Kington, N. H., a former pastor, (1855—'8;) sung Hymn 773, "O thou whose own vast temple stands;" prayer; anthem,—"Ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers," (*Stegner*;) benediction, Rev. Joseph Freeman, of York. The music of the occasion was rendered by the choir and organist of the First Cong'l Church, Dover, N. H.

The meeting-house of the First church, York, was originally built in 1747, the same year in which Parson Moody died. It was renovated in 1839, greatly improved and made more modern in style and convenient. Its present ren-

oration leaving little more than the walls of the original structure. It has been done at a cost of more than \$7000.—fixtures and all, nearly \$8000. The exterior has been greatly improved by a new and graceful steeple, and the old windows replaced by stained Cathedral glass. The interior consists of ante-room, auditorium, and a room for a Sabbath School Library, the same serving as a private entrance for the pastor. The pulpit stands opposite the middle entrance, an alcove being made for the choir and furnishings. The aforesaid library room is on the left of the pulpit, and the recess for organ and choir is on the right. The organ, pulpit, chairs and Communion table, are of black walnut. The sixty-four pews are of beautiful white ash, and are all upholstered, and furnished with book-racks. There are three aisles, and three doors. The doors are covered with enamel cloth, and move noiselessly both ways. The ceiling and walls are frescoed. The carpet and cushions are crimson. The house is warmed by two furnaces, and arrangements are made for ventilation in the windows. We have a commodious and beautiful home. May it be filled with joyful worshippers. D. B. S.

**THE CHURCH EDIFICE AT SOUTH BERWICK RE-DEDICATED.** Nov. 23, 1882. The audience room of the church edifice remodelled, having an extension in the rear. The new pews are of black walnut, and new cushions are provided. A new bell sends forth its joyful invitation to public worship. Cost of repairs, was between 3000 and \$4000. The pastor, Rev. George Lewis, delivered the discourse. Text. Gen. 35: 7. "And he built there an altar, and called the place El-bethel." Dedication prayer, Rev. George B. Spaulding, D. D., of Dover, N. H.



**Church Edifice at Lyman.**

**THE CHURCH EDIFICE AT LYMAN RE-DEDICATED.** December 2, 1882. Services.—1. Doxology.—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." 2. Invocation, Rev. James Potter, Free Baptist, of Goodwins Mills. 3. Hymn 266. Christian Hymn Book. 4. Scripture Reading, Rev. Geo. A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk. 5. Dedication Prayer, Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells. 6. Hymn 1285. 7. Sermon, Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, Haggai 2:9, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." 8. Hymn 1290. 9. Brief addresses, by Revs. W. F. Holmes, of Methodist Ch., Alfred, Geo. Michael, of Alfred, Geo. A. Lockwood, H. T. Arnold, M. Newell, Free Baptist, and George F. Tewksbury, acting pastor of the church. Singing hymn 1251, etc., was interspersed. 10. Hymn 516, "All hail the power of Jesus name." 11. Benediction, Rev. R. H. Kimball, Methodist.

The dedication services were held on the eighty-first anniversary of the church, and the installation of its first pastor, and ninety-five years from the raising of the first meeting house.

The old gallery has been taken out, seats for singers provided at the side of the pulpit, and a place for the Sunday School Library. There are three pulp chairs, marble top Hymn Book stand, table and communion service, chap organ, clock, carpet, chandelier and side lamps, new pews, tinted walls, &c. A steeple has been added, for which a new bell is provided. The furnishing has been done by the ladies, to the amount of more than \$500. The bell was secured by the efforts of Rev. H. J. Stone, of Sanford. Cost \$300. The total expenditures \$1200.

Rev. George F. Tewksbury, who has been acting-pastor from 1876, already beyond the allotted three-score years and ten, is quite vigorous and active. He conducts services on the Sabbath 11 A. M., generally at 1 P. M., at 3 P. M. in school house, and in the evening.

Reported in *Lewiston Journal*, *Biddeford Sentinel*, Dec. 13, and in pamphlet form, 8 pps. by Rev. Henry J. Stone.

*Alfred*.—Rev. H. S. Underwood held a series of meetings in the autumn, at Wells, in autumn, and at Cornish and Kennebunk in the winter.... *Kennebunkport*.—A Society of Christian Endeavor for young people has been organized.... *Kittery*.—Rev. O. J. Walte, recently elected President Oberlin College when a young man, preached here,—afternoons at Navy Yard Village.... *Lebanon*.—The Mission Band of "Little Cedars," held their fourth annual gathering March 28, 1883. They meet the last Saturday of every month, and gather about \$50 annually.... *Limington*. A series of meetings were held the Autumn, Messrs. Allen and Jones, of Portland, assisting Pastor Pitts religious interest continued several months. A Young People's Society, Christian Endeavor formed Jan'y 1883. Sixty members.... *Saco*.—Rev. Marshall M. Cutter, New Eng. Sec. Am. Tract Soc. presented the claims of the Society, March 25, 1883.... *York Second Ch.*—A new communion service has been received from the children of Mrs. Susan M. Came, of Alfred, in pursuance of her request previous to her death.

The York County Educational Association, held at South Berwick Nov. 10, 1882. Rev. George Lewis made the address of welcome.

The National Christian Temperance Camp-meeting at Old Orchard, April—29, 1883.

Sarah A. Campbell, died in Paris, France, Aug. 7, 1879. A daughter of Rev. Geo. W. Campbell, pastor at South Berwick, 1824-'28. Ob. Ch. Mir., Dec. 9, 1879.... Miss Mary H. Kimball, in Alfred, July 20, 1882. Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 12, 1882.... Dea. Jesse W. Sanborn, in Acton, Aug. 28, æt 70.... Mrs. Mary M. Remick, Sept. 2, æt 78.... Dea. Henry D. Norwood, in Boston, Nov. 20, æt 70, senior deacon of First Ch., York.... Mrs. Abigail Roberts, in Lyman, March 22, 1883, æt 84.... Mrs. P. Elizabeth Sanborn, æt 60, daughter of Rev. Charles Freeman, pastor at Limerick, 1820-'53, died in Portland, May 12.... Mrs. Emily P. Tenney, in Chester, N. H., May 8,—wife of Rev. Charles Tenney, pastor Pavillon Ch. Biddeford, 1858-'71.... Elisha Littlefield, in Lyman, June 6, æt 73. Ob. G. F. Ch. Mir., July 7.... John Garland, in West Newfield, July 23, æt 78. Christian of a noble type.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. William S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford First, John R. Staples; Biddeford Second, D. Thomas Haley; Biddeford Pavillion, E. S. Morris; Buxton South, Arthur Towle, p. t.; Buxton North, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Alexander Shapleigh; Kennebunk Union, Dea. Joseph Titcomb; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport South, P. A. Twombly; Kittery Point, James H. Walker; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Cente



Limerick, Winburn Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Jacob Goodwin, Kennebunk Depot; Newfield West, Dea. E. H. Symes; Parsonfield, H. G. O. Smith, No. Parsonfield; Saco, Benjamin N. Goodale; Sanford, Prescott Emery; Sanford South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, Mrs. Clark; South Berwick, Rev. George Lewis; Wells First, John W. Hubbard; Wells Second, Charles F. Littlefield; York First, Rev. David B. Sewall; York Second, J. H. Moody.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Acton, Lyman Gerrish; Alfred, Rev. George Michael; Biddeford First, —; Biddeford Second, J. R. Libbey; Biddeford Pavillon, John H. Small; Buxton North, J. Hill; Buxton South, Arthur S. Towle; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Thomas Adlington, South Elliot; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. George A. Lockwood; Kennebunkport First, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport South, Palmer A. Twombly; Kittery, Moses G. Berry; Lebanon, Samuel Shapleigh; Limerick, Samuel T. Bradbury; Limington, Rev. E. T. Pitts; Lyman, Cyrus W. Murphy; Newfield West, Dr. E. G. Reynolds; Parsonfield, J. G. Wedgwood, (Union); Saco, Joseph W. Hobson; Sanford, Dea. George Gowen; Sanford South, James L. Tripp; Shapleigh, —; South Berwick, Rev. George Lewis; Wells First, Barak Maxwell; Wells Second, George W. Littlefield; York First, Capt. Frank P. Emerson; York Second, J. H. Moody.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. William S. Thompson, Acton, *Reporter*. Next Meeting in Limington, Oct. 9, 10, 1883.

**YORK ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 94, Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells, *Scribe*.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the **PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION**, N. H., formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe*.

**Ministers Without Charge.**

	Ordained.	
John C. Adams.....	Falmouth.....	1831, August 19
Jonathan E. Adams.....	Bangor.....	1859, October 19
John W. H. Baker.....	Farmington Falls.....	1865, June 29
Silas Baker.....	Standish.....	1832, March 7
Thomas E. Brastow.....	Rockport.....	1835, October 11
Phillip Bunnell.....	Phillips.....	1828, June 3
Jonas Burnham.....	Farmington.....	1858, July 28
Almon W. Burr.....	Hallowell.....	1875, July 27
John J. Carruthers, D. D.....	Portland.....	1819, June 8
Calvin Chapman.....	Kemebunkport.....	1842, December 8
Ephraim C. Cummings.....	Portland.....	1858, March 17
David Q. Cushman.....	Bath.....	1838, February 7
Prof. Francis B. Denio.....	Bangor.....	1881, January 11
Henry V. Emmons.....	Hallowell.....	1859, November 13
Samuel L. Gould.....	Bethel.....	1839, October 23
Henry F. Harding.....	Hallowell.....	1855, October 17
Horatio Hsley.....	South Freeport.....	1837, October 26
William V. Jordan.....	Saco.....	1836, September 13
Marcus R. Keep.....	Ashland.....	1847, January 4
George S. Kemp.....	Brooksville.....	1856, February 28
Elbridge Knight.....	Fort Fairfield.....	1843, September 13
Daniel Lane.....	Freeport.....	1843, November 5
John K. Lincoln.....	Bangor.....	1862, September 20
Thomas N. Lord.....	Limerick.....	1837, August 10
Amasa Loring.....	Yarmouthville.....	1842, June 13
Henry S. Loring.....	Winthrop.....	1850, June 30
Joseph Loring.....	East Otisfield.....	1833, September 10
Edward R. Osgood.....	Bluehill.....	1871, October 24
Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D.....	Brunswick.....	1850, May 16
Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1861, October 9
Edward S. Palmer.....	Gorham.....	1856, January 2
Wooster Parke.....	Belfast.....	1832, September 29
Samuel W. Pearson.....	Brunswick.....	1870, November 9
William Pierce.....	Hollis.....	1836, August 1
Daniel F. Potter.....	Brunswick.....	1852, October 25
J. Loring Pratt.....	Strong.....	1867, November 7
Prof. Charles J. H. Ropes.....	Bangor.....	1877, August 15
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## NECROLOGY.

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REV. ISAAC HARDING LIBBY in Strong, Feb. 14, 1883, æt 27. (Consumption.)

Mr. L., the son of Isaac Harding and Caroline M. (Waldron) Libby, was born in Limington, Me., May 17, 1855. Educated at Limington Academy. He was converted early in life, and made a public profession at Limington, April 12, 1874. Not long after he felt himself drawn to the ministry. He labored as a lay Evangelist, especially at North Waterford in 1876-'7. He was licensed to preach by the Union Association at Fryeburg, May 10, 1878, and ordained Pastor of the Church in Stowe, Me., and Chatham, N. H., May 17, 1878, where he had been supplying from March 17, previous; dis. Feb. 4, 1880. From thence he went West, hoping to become more vigorous in health, and was commissioned by the Am. Home Missy. Soc., to labor in Providence, and Belgrade, Minn. He returned to Maine, and became acting-pastor at Otisfield and Casco, from August 8, 1880—and relinquishing Otisfield, he was at Casco, from July, 1881. He was acting-pastor at Strong, from July 7, 1882, preaching as he was able until five weeks from his death.

“He was succesful in all his pastorates, being known every where as a sincere, earnest and faithful servant of the Master.” He was resigned to yield his loved work and his life, being enabled to say “It is well, God’s will be done.” Very happy was he in his last hours,—“Oh” he said, “I see Jesus.—beautiful kingdom of heaven.”

After a service at Strong, the funeral and burial was at Limington. Sermon by Rev. E. T. Pitts, Deut. 34; 5, “So Moses the servant of the Lord, died,” etc. The widowed mother is all that survives of the family of eight children. Ob. Cong’tst March 1, E. T. P. Ch. Mir., March 3.

**TIMOTHY LYMAN**, in South-west Harbor, Mt. Desert, Me., March 1883, æt 64, of pneumonia.

L. was born in Chester, Mass., August 28, 1819. Grad. at First College 1844; Andover Seminary, 1848. Ordained 1850, Dec. Rutland, Mass. At Fort Madison, Io., 1850-'1; Griggsville, Ill., '2; Lansing, Io., 1853-'6; North Pepin, Wis., 1856-'9; Plainfield, Ill., 1859-'61; La Salle, Ill., 1862-'3; in service of Am. Missions Association, at Beaufort, N. C., 1864; Savannah, Ga., 1865; at Beardstown, Ill., 1866; Killingsworth, 1866-'9; West Granby and Southwick, Mass., from 1871; Westfield and Ludlow Mills, Mass., 1874-'8; without charge at Rutland, Mass., 1878-'82; at Mt. Desert, Me., from Dec. 1882. Cong'l'st March 31, Andover Seminary, 1883, p. 31.

**JOSEPH FREEMAN**, in York, March 22, 1883, æt 68, (of perituberculosis.)

F., the son of Joseph and Mary (Hamilton) Freeman, was born in Bangor, Me., Dec. 31, 1814. He began preparation for the ministry in 1836. Entered the classical School connected with Bangor Seminary, Feb'y 14, 1837, continuing to August 28, 1839. Graduated Bangor Seminary, 1842. Licensed by the Penobscot Association 18, 1842. Supplied the church in Atkinson, and the church in Bangor in 1841-'2. Acting-pastor at Strong, from Sept. 25, 1842; died pastor, March 10, 1844; dis. March 3, 1846. Installed pastor Bangor, (now Stockton,) March 18, 1846; dis. Feb'y 6, 1855. Installed pastor First Church, Hanover, Mass., April 15, 1855; dis. July 18, 1869. Acting-pastor of the Second Church, York, from Aug 1, 1869, until his death, "Devoted and faithful, a lover of the Gospel of men, he preached out of a warm heart, and a deep religious conviction. His Christian influence was aided by his venerable appearance, his affability and habitual urbanity. The youth will remember him as a pattern of what is good and excellent." D. B. S., in Cong'l'st, 1883, p. 12.

A resolution was adopted by York Association, in memoriam, Christian Association, May 5.

F. married Jan'y 8, 1846, Miss Sarah H. Smith, daughter of Dea. John and Sarah (Howard) Smith, of Bangor—two children, a son and daughter, both living.

## FORMER MINISTERS.

Rev. JOSEPH BARTLETT, in Gorham Me., August 12, 1882, æt

Mr. B., the son of Samuel Colcord and Eleanor (Pettengi  
lett, was born in Salisbury, N. H., 1816, Jan'y 26. He graduat  
Dartmouth College, in 1835; was teacher at Phillips Academy, A  
Mass., 1836-'7; Tutor in Dartmouth College, 1838-'41; one  
Union Theological Seminary, and graduated at Andover Seminar  
fulfilled a short mission in Waterville in 1846-'7; ordained past  
Church in Buxton. 1847, Oct. 7, remaining to November 7, 186  
out charge at Andover, Mass., 1867-'8; acting-pastor, Sou  
Market, N. H., December, 1868, leaving September, 1877, fo  
Springfield, Mo.; without charge at Gorham, Me., from 1878,  
death. Mr. B., was a good, noble, constant and useful Christi  
steadfast helper in every good work; of more than ordinary liter  
ity. An affection of the brain led one day to signs of insa  
cluding his watchers, he threw himself into Little River, a quai  
mile from home, and was drowned. His address before the  
Society, of Dartmouth College, in 1841, was published, and  
Sermon at Buxton, in 1867. He married 1847, Oct. 26, M  
daughter of Capt. Robert and Mary (Marble) Motley, of Gorh  
Oh. Cong'l'st, Aug. 16, Ch. Mir., Aug. 19—and by his brother, F  
Samuel C. Bartlett, of Dartmouth College, Cong'l'st Aug. 2;  
land Press, Sept. 20; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1883  
Andover Seminary Necrology, 1883, p. 27.

Rev. JOHN C. HURD, in Buckland, Mass., Aug. 24, 1882, æt

Mr. H., the son of Dea. John and Mary Hurd, was born in  
Mass., Sept. 3, 1810. Educated in the Bangor Classical I  
graduated Bangor Seminary, 1839; licensed by Penobscot Assoc  
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Ordained, and acting-pastor Westford, Conn., 1842-'44; Ho  
sionary, Beaver Dam and vicinity, Wisconsin, 1844-'54; withou  
after, and at Buckland, Mass., from 1857. He met with an  
some years ago which paralyzed his limbs. He did not preach f  
time, but was a good and active deacon of the church. He wa  
penter, and did some work in this line. Further notice, Con  
Book, 1883, p. 24.

Rev. FRANKLIN DAVIS, October 26, 1882, æt 67, of heart disease, in the cars at Ipswich, Mass., on his way to his home in Tamworth, N. H.

Mr. D., the son of Zadock and Betsey (Robbins) Davis, was born in Bangor, Me., 1816, Jan'y 24. Educated in Common Schools, and Classical School, Bangor; Graduated Bowdoin College, 1839; Bangor Theological Seminary, 1845. Licensed by Penobscot Association, Bangor, Nov. 12, 1844. Taught school in Mississippi, 1839 to 1843; in the ministry in Missouri, 1845-'47; installed Pastor, Warren, Me., 1847, Oct. 6; dis. 1849, March 5; acting-pastor, East Orrington, 1849, Oct. 1, to 1854, June 13; acting-pastor Alton, N. H., 1854-'6, Oct.; acting-pastor North Wrentham, Mass., (now Norfolk,) 1856-'60; acting-pastor Berkley, Mass., 1860-'4; acting-pastor Newington, N. H., 1854, Jan'y 1. to 1876; acting-pastor Tamworth, N. H., 1876, Oct. to his death.

He was an acceptable pastor and preacher, and much beloved by his people. He married Nov. 1845, Susan, Daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Hannah (Perry) Morrill, of Brewer, Me. She died in Brewer, Oct. 24, 1848. He married in 1850, Eliza Jane, daughter of Oliver and Betsey Sewall, of Chesterville, who died in 1861. Married Dec. 25, 1862, Amanda Maria, daughter of Amos and Eunice (Brainard) Ware, of Norfolk, Mass. Of two sons, one is living. Congregational Year Book, 1883, p. 21. Piscataqua Association N. H., passed resolutions in Memoriam.

Rev. ROYAL PARKINSON, suddenly, in Washington, D. C., Dec. 29th, 1882, æt 67, of heart disease, while ascending in an elevator of the Pension Department.

Mr. P. was born in Columbia, New Boston, N. H., 1815, Nov. 8.

In early life he was a successful school teacher. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1842; Union Theological Seminary, 1844-'6; Andover Theological Seminary, 1847; ordained pastor First Church, Cape Elizabeth, 1848, October 18; dismissed, 1851, October 13; acting-pastor Windham, Vt., 1852-'55; installed pastor, Second Church, West Falmouth, Me., 1855, Nov. 15; dismissed, 1857, Oct. 14; acting-pastor, Sandwich, N. H., Dec., 1858-'61; Quechee, Vt., 1861-'3; Randolph, 1863-'4; Chaplain U. S. A., 1864-'5; acting-pastor, Milton Vt., 1866-'8; Fayetteville, 1868; Temple, N. H., Dec. 1869; installed pastor, 1870, Jan'y 13; dis. 1872, June 25. From this place he was appointed to a posi-

tion in the Agricultural Bureau, afterwards in Pension Department, Washington. He was a man of scholarly tastes, and an acceptable preacher. Ob. Ch. Mir., Congregationalist, N. H. Statesman, Dec. Andover Seminary Necrology, 1883, p. 33.

Rev. ISAAC JACOBUS, in Westminster, California, Feb'y 16, 1883, at 49, of congestion of the brain.

Mr. J. the son of Isaac and Miranda (Jones) Jacobus, was born at Romulus, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1834.

He was a beneficiary of the American Education Society, and came from the Congregational church, Downieville, Cal., in 1862, and entered the Theological Seminary, Bangor, graduating in 1865. Licensed by the Penobscot Association, July 12, 1864. Ordained as an Evangelist in Hammond Street Church, Bangor, of which he was a member, July 27, 1865, and went to Junction City, Kansas, where he was pastor, Oct. 20, 1865, to Oct. 20, 1877, and at Louisville, Kan., to Oct. 20, 1878. In July, 1881, he went to Westminster, California. He was an active and faithful minister and pastor, and achieved success. The people feel that they have been sorely bereaved. Ob. Kansas Telephone, April, 1883.

GILBERT BRAINERD RICHARDSON, in Hardwick, Mass., February 20, 1883, at. 56.

Mr. R. the son of Gilbert and Hannah (Davis) Richardson, was born in Woburn, Mass., July 21, 1827. He had slight school advantages, being called to aid his father in his work until nineteen years of age. In 1846, he commenced fitting for College; graduated at Amherst College in 1853, and from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1856. Licensed by the Penobscot Association, in the autumn of 1855. He commenced his ministerial work at Douglass, Mass., Sept. 7, 1856, and ordained pastor June 30, 1857; dis. Feb'y 28, 1860. Acting-pastor at Edgecomb, Me., from April 8, 1860; installed pastor Oct. 17, 1860; dis. Sept. 24, 1863. Acting-pastor at Robbinston, Me., Nov. 12, 1863, to Aug. 12, 1866, and also at Princeton, Me., from June, 1865. Acting-pastor First Church, New Castle, (Sheepscot Bridge, Me.,) Aug. 15, 1866, to July 1, 1871. Installed Pastor at Cumberland, Me., Aug. 27, 1871; dis. April 22, 1874. Acting-pastor at East and New Alstead, N. H., from June 10, 1874, to 1881; at Hardwick, Mass., from July 29, 1881; installed pastor, Dec. 7, 1881.

“Mr. R. was a strong and vigorous christian, very much in earnest in



what ever he undertook." As a man he was upright, energetic, genial and warm-hearted; a kind husband and affectionate father. He was much esteemed by his ministerial brethren for his friendliness, and god-sincerity. As a theologian he was firmly anchored to the Word of God. No new departure, no advanced theology dazzled his eyes. As a preacher he was clear, practical and sensible. As a pastor he was faithful, wise and diligent. In his dying hours he was sustained by an faltering trust in Christ alone. He said, "I am all ready if it is the Lord's will, and I have no preparation to make." Though suffering much all the time, he was cheerful and full of hope. Just before he died, in reply to an inquiry, he said, "I am *strong* in the Lord," and quietly slept in Jesus. S. H., in *Congregationalist*, March 8, and in E. S. R.

JOSEPH WALLACE TARLETON, in Waverly, Mass., February 27, 1883, æt. 66, of congestion of the lungs.

Mr. T. the son of Dea. William and Comfort (Wallace) Tarleton, was born in Epsom, N. H., Feb. 19, 1817. Graduated Dartmouth College, 1842; teacher in Boston, Mass., 1842-'4; Yale Seminary, two years; Andover, 1847; ordained as Evangelist in Hooksett, N. H., Dec. 1850; acting-pastor at Hooksett, 1850-'3; without charge at Boston, Mass., 1853-'7; acting-pastor North Chelsea, Mass., 1857-'8; labored as an Evangelist, with residence at Waverly, Mass., 1858-'67; acting-pastor Provincetown, Mass., 1867; acting-pastor at Sumner, Me., 1877. *Biographical Sketches, Ind. Statesmen, Concord, N. H.*, May 17, 1883. *Long's Post*, Mch. 15, 29. Andover Sem. Necrology, 1883, p. 36.

Rev. LOAMMI-IVES HOADLEY, at Shelton, in Huntington, Conn., at the residence of his son-in-law, E. C. Maltby, Esq., March 21, 1883, æt. 92 yrs., 5 mos.

Mr. H., the son of Rufus and Obedience (Stevens) Hoadley, was born in Northford, Conn. (then a parish of Branford), October 25, 1790. Grad. Yale C. 1817; Andover S. 1820. He aided Dr. Wisner, of the old South ch., Boston, Mass., the following year. Pastor Calv. ch., Worcester, Mass., 1823-'30; a part of 1829, '30, assisting Prof. Porter at Andover, Sem'y; pastor at Bradford, Mass., 1830-'33. Compelled by ill health to leave the pulpit, he resided in Charlestown, Mass., editing the last volume of the *Spirit of the Pilgrims*, and assisting Dr. Jenks preparing the *Comprehensive Commentary*. He was the author of a small volume published by the Congregational Publishing Soc. in 1856,

designed to aid young Christians. He removed in 1844 to his native place, where he resided six years. and was teacher of a family school. His health being somewhat restored, he was installed pastor of the church in Orono, Me., June 18, 1851; dis. Sep. 15, 1853; at Auburn, Mass., 1854-'57; acting-pastor at Craftsbury, Vt., 1858-'65; without charge at Craftsbury, 1865-'66; at New Haven, Conn., 1866-'76; residing with his son-in-law, Rev. J. E. Pond, at Hampden, Me., 1876, Milltown, N. B., 1877-'8, Warren, Me., 1879-'82.

"His works follow him, in their widening influence for good, to the end." Ob. J. E. P., Cong'l'st, Mch. 29. J. E. P. Ch. Mir. Mch. 31. Andover Sem'y Necrology, 1883, p. 29.

REV. FREDERIC ALBERT THAYER, in Quincy, Ill., March 25, 1883, æt. 35, of typhoid fever.

Mr. T., the son of Stephen and Joanna (Pond) Thayer, was born in New Ipswich, N. H., June 10, 1848. Fitted for college at New Ipswich, N. H., and Amenia, N. Y. Graduated from Dartmouth Coll. 1873. Studied at Bangor Seminary 1878, 9, and graduated at Andover 1880. Licensed at Bangor, by the Penobscot Association, May 28, 1879. Supplied the church at Sumner in 1878; at Abbot in 1879. Before coming to Bangor, he was for about three years on the editorial staff of the New York Times, 1873-'8. He was a man of brilliant qualities as a student, with an effective gift of utterance. Mr. T. was ordained pastor of the Evangelical ch., Westboro, Mass., Oct. 27, 1880; dis. April 4, 1882. Installed pastor Pres. ch., Quincy, Ill., Sept. 20, 1882. His first sermon in Quincy was on Easter Sunday, and his death occurred on Easter Sunday. He was remarkably successful in his work and endeared himself to his people, for whom he cherished the warmest love. Ob. Cong'l'st, Mch. 29. The Quincy Association, Ill., occupied an hour and a half in memorial services in reference to Mr. T. Andover Sem. Necrology, 1883, p. 37. Illinois Minutes, 1883, p. 76.

Rev. LEWIS PENNELL, in Southport, Conn., May 22, 1883, suddenly, of kidney disease, æt. 80.

Mr. P., the son of Thomas and Mary (Simpson) Pennell, was born in Brunswick, Me., February 19, 1803. Graduated at Bowdoin College, 1830; Andover Seminary, 1833. Ordained Sept. 17, 1833; acting-pastor in Lubec, Me., Oct. 24, 1833, to Sept. 8, 1834; in Old Town, Orono and Garland, 1834-'5; New Gloucester and Buckfield, 1836; Home Missionary at West and South, 1836-'38; pastor Northbridge,

Mass., 1839-'43; a. p. Weston, Ct., 1844-'49; pastor New Fairfield, Ct., 1849-'53; pastor West Stockbridge, Mass., 1854-'69; without charge there twelve years, to 1881, and at Southport, Ct., during the remainder of his life.

Rev. FREDERIC ALPHONSO REED, in Harvard, Mass., June 9, 1883, æt. 62; suddenly, of apoplexy.

Mr. R., the son of Hodges and Clarissa (Hodges) Reed, was born in Boston, Dec. 7, 1821. Graduated at Amherst College in 1843; Bangor Seminary 1846. Licensed by Hancock and Waldo Association, at Bucksport, Me., Jan. 29, 1846. Acting-pastor of the church in Amherst and Aurora, Me., 1847. Ordained at Cohasset, Mass., in 1848, remaining 19 years; acting-pastor at East Taunton, 10 years; Harvard, Mass., 3 years. Cong'l't, June 14, 21.

Rev. CHARLES BURNHAM, in Townshend, Vt., July 3, 1883, æt. 71; suddenly, of disease of the heart.

Mr. B., the son of James and Nancy (Smith) Burnham, was born in Pelham, N. H., July 19, 1812, fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; Grad. Dartmouth Coll. 1836. Studied theology under private instruction. Taught school in Quincy, Ill., Oct., 1836, to Nov., 1838; in Burlington, Des Moines Co., Iowa, 1839, and Lee Co., Iowa. Acting-pastor Cong'l ch., Brighton, Washington Co., Oct. 1, 1841, to May, 1850; Ordained at Hartford, Des Moines Co., Io., Nov. 7, 1841. Acting-pastor Albion, Monroe Co., Iowa, 1850-'1; Knoxville, Marion Co., Iowa, 1852-'5; Weeks street church, Bath, Me., Jan. 1, 1856, to Sept. 1856; Meredith Village, N. H., Nov. 1, '56; installed pastor Jan'y 8, '57; dis. April 19, '71; Jamaica, Vt., 1871-'74; Fayetteville, Vt., 1874-'9; without charge at Townshend, Vt. During the war, he was in the service of the Christian Commission. Congregationalist, July 12.

Rev. CHARLES COTESWORTH BEAMAN, in Boston, Mass., July 4, 1883, æt 84.

Mr. B. was born in Boston, Mass., August 12, 1799. Educated in public and private schools, Boston; not a College graduate. Graduated Theological Seminary, Andover, 1837. Ordained Evangelist at Houlton, Me., June 20, 1839; acting-pastor at Houlton, Dec. 17, 1837, to Sept. 16, 1840. Through his efforts principally, a meeting house was built in H. which was dedicated June 19, 1839; he preaching the dedicatory discourse. He preached also occasionally at Hodgdon, New

Limerick, and Monticello. Mr. B. was also Chaplain at the U. S. Barracks, in Houlton, appointed Oct. 22, 1838, resigning in 1840, and removing to Massachusetts, where he was agent of the Am. Education Society, in 1840-'1, and afterwards, acting-pastor at North Falmouth, Edgartown, Wellfleet, Southboro and Salem—also at Scituate, R. I., and Westford, Conn. Resided in Cambridge, Mass., 1874, '75, Boston, from 1875. He preached at Windsor, Vt., twice in the summer of 1881, while visiting with his son. Ob. Boston Journal, July 5, *Congregationalist*, July 12.

Rev. BENJAMIN SOUTHWORTH, in Peperell, Mass., July 6, 1883, æt 62.

Mr. S. the son of Benjamin and Content (Packard) Southworth, from North Bridgewater, (now Brockton,) was born in Winthrop, August 11, 1820, residing in that place until 1841; Lowell, Mass., 1841-'44; Cambridge, Mass., 1844-'48; North Bridgewater, Mass., 1848-'55. Preparatory education, at High school, and private study. Graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary, 1857; licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association, July, 1856; ordained Feb'y 24, 1858; acting-pastor at Vassalboro and Sidney, 1858-'60; at Hanson, Mass., Sept. 1860-'7; Wells, Me., Second Church, Oct. 1, 1870, to July 1, 1879; Stoddard, N. H., from 1880. "His infirmities led him to resign his much loved work, for what he fondly hoped might be refreshing rest for further usefulness, retiring to South Abington, Mass. But after a decline of body and mind, he was called, not unwillingly nor unprepared into the rest that remaineth." *Congregationalist* July 19.

ALBERT HENRY PENNELL, in Sacarappa, Me., Sept. 12, 1882, æt 29.

Mr. P. was educated at Gorham Academy, and graduated at Bowdoin College in 1879. He received several prizes for proficiency in Latin and Mathematics, and elected by his class to deliver an Oration on Commencement day. Was a teacher in Westbrook Seminary, and in the Hallowell Classical Institute. Pursued Theological studies in Yale Seminary, 1880, was a member of the Middle Class in Bangor Seminary, 1882. He fulfilled a valuable service at Van Buren, Me., 1881, under appointment of the Maine Missionary Society. Ch. Mir., Sept. 13, and Oct. 21.

WILLIAM PROCTOR STACY, in Hollis, Me., Feb'y 28, 1882, æt 43.

Mr. S. was born in Andover, Mass., May 26, 1839. Graduate Andover Seminary, 1879. Married April 28, 1860, Mary E. Butler. c

. Mass., (2d) Clara Phillips, of Hollis, Me. Andover Sem-  
necrology, 1883, p. 36.

Age of ten, seventy-one years; of the nineteen, sixty one

# ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

ES JENKINS, Portland, Dec. 29, 1831. Minutes 1876, p. 199.  
D. C. Colesworthy, Ch. Mir. Nov. 11, 1882.

IAN FISHER, Bluehill, \*Sep. 22, 1847. Minutes 1876, p. 197.  
ty in Cong'tst, May 3, 1883.

MMINGS, June 5, 1856. Minutes 1876, p. 196. Rev. Amasa  
n Ch. Mir., March 24, 1883.

DRUMMOND, Nov. 29, 1861. Minutes 1876, p. 197. Lewiston  
Dec. 12, 1882.

BREWER, Nov. 19, 1872. Minutes 1873, p. 30. Rev. I. P.  
and Hon. John E. Godfrey, in Bangor Whig and Courier, April

IAN CLEMENT, D. D., Topsham, Sept. 6, 1881. Minutes 1882,  
Vermont Minutes, 1882, p. 45.

Y M. STONE, Bluehill, Oct. 21, 1881. Minutes 1882, p. 102.  
Minutes, 1882, p.

POND, D. D., Jan'y 21, 1882. Minutes 1882, p. 108. A mon-  
Italian marble has been placed in the Cemetery at Mt. Hope,  
he following inscription. "Enoch Pond, D. D., born in Wren-  
ass. Died in Bangor, Me., Jan'y 21, 1882, æt ninety years  
months. For half a century Professor in Bangor Theological  
". "My father! my father! the chariots of Israel, and the  
n thereof," 2 Kings 2: 12. Erected to his memory by the  
of the Seminary, and other friends." And Congregational  
ok, 1883, p. 28.

BURY S. KIMBALL, Jan'y 30, 1882. Minutes 1882, p. 101; Con-  
ial Year Book, 1883, p. 25.

I MAXWELL, Jan'y 30 1882. Minutes 1882, p 107; Congrega-  
ar Book, 1883, p. 27.

L C. FESSENDEN, April 18, 1882. Minutes 1882, p. 107; Con-  
ial Year Book, 1883, p. 22.

I BOND, D. D., July 19, 1882, æt 89. Minutes 1882, p. 110;  
ational Year Book, 1883, p. 19; Andover Seminary Necrology,  
28.

HAYDEN WELD, Oct. 18, 1882, in Troy, Wis., Oct. 18, 1882, æt  
paralysis of the brain. Born in Braintree, Vt., Sept. 7, 1810.  
nd Yale College 1834, having spent two years at Dartmouth;

Andover Seminary 1838; Principal, Academy North Yarmouth, Me 1837—48; afterwards teacher in Boston; Cumberland Academy, Md. Tilden Female Sem., Lebanon, N. H.; farmer River Falls, Wis., from 1859; author of English and Latin Text books. Andover Seminary Necrology 1883, p. 37.

NINETY-EIGHT MINISTERS connected with the Congregational churches of Maine, who were graduates from Bowdoin College, or connected officially with it from 1806 to 1879, have died within that period, and are referred to in \*The History of Bowdoin College, by Nehemiah Cleaveland, edited and completed by Alpheus S. Packard, published in Boston, 1882, octavo 905 pps. The first twelve are Tristram Gilman, North Yarmouth, now Yarmouth First church, 1789—1809, p. 33; Alden Bradford, Wiscasset, 1793—1801, p. 33; Alfred Johnson, Freeport, 1789—1805; Belfast, 1805—1813, p. 34; Elijah Kellogg, Portland, Second church, 1788—1811, p. 35; Josiah Winship, Woolwich, 1765—1824, p. 36; Hezekiah Packard, Wiscasset, 1802—1830, p. 39; Francis Brown, First church Yarmouth, 1810—1815, p. 42; Eliphalet Gillett, Hallowell, 1795—1827, p. 45; Nathaniel Hill Fletcher, Kennebunk First church, 1800—1828, p. 59; Edward Payson, Portland Second church, 1807—1827, p. 59; Asa Cummings, Yarmouth First church, 1821—1829, p. 65; Moses Hemmenway, Wells First church, 1759—1811, p. 73.

NOTICE OF MINISTERS IN MAINE, whose native place was in New Hampshire, by Rev. Nathan F. Carter, has been continued in the Independent Statesman, Concord, N. H., commencing Jan'y 1, 1881, (see Minutes 1881, p. 166; and Minutes 1882, p. 134.)

No. 12, new series, July 20, 1882, reported *Kensington*, Joseph Lane, Westbrook First church, 1836-'38; \*1850.

No. 12, August 24, 1882, *Haverhill*, Edward W. Clark, \*1878.

No. 12, Sept. 14, 1882, *Fitzwilliam*, Calvin Waite, \*1835. "Preached in Maine."

No. 13, Oct. 12, 1882, *Antrim*, Thomas W. Duncan, Second church York, 1825-'30; \*1865.

No. 13, Oct. 26, 1882, *Pembroke*, Wakefield Gale, Eastport, 1825-'35; \*1881.

No. 13, Oct. 26, 1882, *Salisbury*, Moses Sawyer, Scarboro, 1802-'26; \*1847. Joseph Bartlett, Waterville, 1846-'7; Buxton, 1847-'67; \*1882.

No. 13, Nov. 9, 1882, *Campton*, Christopher Marsh, Sanford, 1823-'27, and '57-'59; Biddeford Second church, 1828-'32; \*1859.

No. 13, Dec. 21, 1882, *Cornish*, Benjamin C. Chase, Camden, 1850-'57; Oldtown, 1853-'4; Foxcroft and Dover, 1864-'68; \*1868.

No. 14, Jan'y 11, 1883, *Cornish*, Jeffries Hall, Elliot, 1852-'56; \*1833.

No. 14, Jan'y 11, 1883, *Tamworth*, Ephraim N. Hidden, Kennebunkport, 1869; \*1880.

No. 14, Jan'y 18, 1883, *Plymouth*, James Hobart, "several towns in Maine;" \*1862. Jonathan Ward, Alna, 1796 to 1818; \*1860.

No. 14, March 8, 1883, *Salem*, Samuel Woodbury, First church Yarmouth, 1817-'19; \*1819.

No. 14, March 8, 1883, *Westmoreland*, Isaac Esty, Cape Elizabeth First church, 1829-'31; Bridgton, 1832; \*1875.

No. 14, March 22, 1883, *Chester*, Thomas Tenney, Standish, 1829-'36; \*1874.

No. 14, March 29, 1883, *Chester*, Francis Brown, D. D., North Yarmouth, 1810-'15; \*1820.

No. 14, April 5, 1883, *Warner*, John L. Ashby, York First church, 1841-'49; Sanford, '50; Westbrook Second church, 1851-'58 and '60-'63; \*1881. Reuben Kimball, Kittery, 1841-'50; \*1871.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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The Conference took a creditable step in advance last year, by the appointment of a Standing Committee on Sunday Schools. The Secretary has found this Committee in lively sympathy with the work, and they have done much in the several localities, at County Conferences and the various S. S. gatherings, to advance the cause. While that which has been accomplished is sufficient to fully justify the establishment of this agency, the Committee have found its work limited by the nature of the relations existing between our county bodies, and State Conference, and our Sunday Schools, relations which it is hoped the action of this body at this session may serve materially to improve.

In presenting his Report, the Secretary desires to say a word in general, touching reports and their materials.

That there is substantial and decided advantage, somewhere within the scope of a normal report of any field of activity seems to be practically admitted, for from a potato-patch to an army campaign, *to know the field* is deemed essentially prerequisite to operations, whether dull or brilliant. Our Conference does a sensible thing in calling for a report of the churches, at the very outset of its annual deliberations. The Conference recognizes the need of an aim, in the real facts of the case, and finds that even with that, there is plenty of beating the air. Our condition, our activities, our needs, to know these, not by guess, but by facts and figures, not partially, but with a reasonable completeness, is essential to sound deliberation, to wise and fruitful decision.

This goes without saying; yet some of those who desire facts and figures, and even rail at unpractical ways of getting at things, forget



Altogether that reports, worth the name, are co-operative matters, and must of necessity be such, and they disregard every appeal for the needed facts, even though the request ask for only a few marks with a lead pencil, and postage is paid both ways.

If the view taken be, that the Sunday School is a subordinate and relatively insignificant department of church work, or that it is sufficiently reported on the church schedule, without further figures, it hardly need be said, that these States that are giving distinct and thorough attention to Sunday Schools as a leading department of the church's activities, are making not only the best Sunday School progress but the best church progress. Their decision, based on the facts, is that they cannot afford to neglect distinct, thorough and enthusiastic attention to the whole breadth of Sunday School work, and first of all figures and facts.

If our churches are to prosper, we need to walk about this Sunday School Zion, to go round about her, and tell the towers thereof. Pastors, superintendents, Teachers, must adopt in earnest the motto, "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds." It is to be hailed as a harbinger of progress, that this Conference, the duly representative of our church interests in this commonwealth, is showing its disposition to recognize the paramount importance of giving a practical application to this sound exhortation. Let the Pastors and superintendents follow up the pious and politic lead of the Conference.

The appeal for statistics has been made this year by a card with seventeen items. Though the information called for appeared to Secretary to cover the most weighty and significant facts in the case, it demanded but little writing and no troublesome inquiries or calculations. Postage was paid on the return card as well as in sending out, and superintendents were reminded through the Mirror, etc.

While we have done better than last year, the Secretary is not able to report a brilliant success in securing returns. Aroostook Conference reports all its active schools, and every point but Passadumkeag was promptly heard from.

Cumberland Conference, with twenty-two schools, reports eight; Cumberland North twenty-one, returns eleven; Franklin reports seven of ten; Hancock eight out of fourteen; Kennebec ten of fourteen; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, twelve of twenty-two; Oxford seven of fifteen; Penobscot nine of eighteen; Piscataquis four of ten; Somerset

eight of thirteen; Union nine of seventeen; Waldo five of eleven; Washington nine of nineteen; York fifteen of twenty-eight. Of two-hundred and forty-five cards sent out, one hundred and thirty-two were returned.

Of the schools reporting we find the larger and the smaller schools appearing in about the fair relation, thus allowing safe inferences to be made from the figures, though, of course, the generalization would be more satisfactory if the statistics were complete. The total membership of the individual schools, varies from five hundred and eighty-eight in Second Parish, Portland, to twenty in some of the mission schools. The average attendance is better in the rural schools than in the larger places, and this ranges from 5-10 to 8-10 of the whole number, the latter high proportions being, of course, very rare. One cannot help contrasting the average of the Bible-school with that of the public schools, and long for increase of interest in the church and higher enthusiasm, and broader intelligence in teaching which, together shall combine to make our average attendance not less than 90 per cent. of total membership.

The facts make it clearer every year, that the prime and chief instrumentality in building and supporting a good School, is a steady, persistent, and wisely conducted Teacher's Meeting. It is just here that the power of the school is lodged. Henry P. Haven, the "model superintendent," was accustomed to say, that a good Sunday School without a weekly teachers' meeting was not a possibility. He never attempted to run a school without this help, in his entire forty years experience. He had the teachers together regularly in his country school, with its scattered teachers, taking an hour at the close of the ordinary Sunday session, and in the city school, a week day evening was filled with delight and profit in examination of the lessons, studied carefully beforehand, in general Biblical exercises, and in careful comparison of methods of teaching. If anything has hope and fruit in it for the Sunday School, it is such a meeting. There is manifest an improvement in our schools, in this matter, yet we cannot report over twenty-five regular and real teachers' meetings in our two hundred and fifty schools. The richest possibilities of profit lie within the reach of the Teachers' meeting and Normal class, and we would most earnestly urge immediate attention to its organization in all our schools. It quite rejoiced our hearts to read on one card of returns, under this head,

"ashamed to say no,"—such shame is honorable, and such penitence is likely to forerun works meet for repentance.

The per cent. of the adult congregation at the Sunday School is an inquiry of no slight significance. The answers received range from ten per cent (that is substantially only the teachers) up to fifty per cent. and in two or three instances a higher ratio. The church is under a weight of obligation to *teach* the truth as well as to preach it to those mature in age and thought; and is there not some way of attractively and persuasively compelling them to come into the Bible school? Do not these paths where the older ones walk, need just this form of the lamp and the light?

The counterpart question, "per cent. of children of Sunday Schools at church service," is second in interest and meaning, to no other on the card. Dr. Vincent's reiterated declaration, "If I could have but one, I would put my boy into the church service," is the weighty saying of a man who knows whereof he affirms, and who magnifies both church and Sunday School. This evil of the absence of the children from the worship of the sanctuary, is most serious. It exists most noticeably in the cities and larger villages, and in some instances amounts to a practical absence of all the children from the stated service of the church; to seek out its causes and search after its cure are among the most urgent points of our duty. The superintendent of one of the leading schools shows a due measure of the situation in the remark appended to his answer, "Very small;" to the inquiry on the blank, "A very important question for discussion."

The reports that have been made corroborate the view expressed last year, that the churches should more systematically and decisively cultivate the habit of benevolence in the Sunday school. Only four schools return "Benevolent contributions," made by the school as such.

At this point, one can but long to place before you the facts now happily becoming somewhat abundant, of the beautiful and blessed results of systematic Sunday School beneficence; an offering as a stated part of Sunday School worship.

What a grand revolution would it be if all our churches (as some now do) would provide for Sunday School expenses just as for all their other expenses, and let the giving in the school, be *giving* indeed. Can we afford to loose this attractive and powerful means of educating our children in benevolence? Are the children properly taught of the

Lord if they give only to themselves, with no practical reminder of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister? Can there be sound Sunday School edification that builds up schools without these elements of sympathy and mutual help, and duty to pay our great debt to Christ by paying it to the needy?

A gratifying feature of the returns made to the Secretary is the evidence given in them, that a majority of the pastors are practically engaged in Sunday School work as Superintendent, teacher, or, as in some cases, both. The Sunday School is the most attractive, stimulating, and hopeful portion of the pastor's realm of work, guidance, influence, and for himself as well as for his church he cannot afford to stand aside from active co-operation. The Sunday School is as much a part of pastoral and churchly care, as is Sunday worship.

Some eighty conversions are reported in the schools sending in their statistics, one church counting twenty-eight sheaves as the part of the harvest from the Sunday Schools. The church ought to look for its increase to wise and wide work among children, and the trend of events shows, most clearly, that it must look in that direction. The church theory of the religious life, its methods of effort, its sympathetic treatment of the young under its instruction, should all be based upon the idea that the young are the most hopeful recruits for the army of Christ, and that the heart of childhood, brought under the nurture and admonition of the Lord, comes forward beautifully, steadily, gracefully, into full religious strength, ever as the slender gleam of the morning twilight deepens into the perfect day.

Attention was called last year to the obligation resting upon the churches to enter upon a forward movement in Sunday School missionary work. Our better acquaintance with the field, in virtue of the inquiries and observation of the year, has only added strength to the conviction then expressed. Of mission schools under the charge of our churches, only five or six are reported. Of those that have come within our own personal observation, every one is doing most valuable work, altogether out of proportion to its numbers, or the expense and trouble of carrying it on. Instead of a half score in the whole State, these mission schools ought to be numbered by the hundred. We are not so sure but that this Sunday School gospel is just that "gospel for the poor, which the Master calls upon us, now especially, to use. It is our most confident conviction that no other outlay could be so remuner-

tive, in our State, as that which should place a suitable Sunday School missionary in the field, to devote his entire time and undivided energies to the work. This line of effort, we assuredly believe, would be to our churches, the way of duty, usefulness, and prosperity.

In the early part of the Conference year, the Secretary provided for Sunday School gatherings in Portland and Bangor, which were addressed by that sterling worker, B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago. The audiences were not large but a lively interest was awakened in the hearts of those who were present. Attendance upon the N. E. Assembly at Framingham, the Secretary found of great value, in its suggestion of the best and freshest methods, in ordinary Sunday School operations and in the Teachers' and Normal classes. While there, being convinced of the importance of securing convenient and becoming headquarters for our denomination, at that great Sunday School center, the Secretary ventured to make a pledge of the co-operation of Maine with the other N. E. States in this matter. We shall do well, as Sunday School workers, to go to Framingham in as large numbers as possible, and, if we go there, while we shall find kindness and unity all around, it will not be in any respect unpleasant nor superfluous to find a good bit of a Congregational home there. And that is just what the head quarters is designed to be.

The Secretary would speak in earnest commendation of the well taken ground, and splendidly developing work of the Congregational Sunday School, and Publishing Society. Of the "new departures" in our denomination, departures wise and otherwise, this is certainly not one of the "otherwise," but seriously, it must be regarded as the most hopeful in our order for years. Let it have our prompt, earnest, and steady support.

As to modifications and improvements available, some of them urgently needed in the management of our several schools, or in our associated effort as laborers in this field—this is neither the time nor is this the place to speak. Co-workers in the Sunday School cause, shall not we in Maine join the forward movement that is going on so grandly in many of the other States and has awakened in most of our N. E. States a delightful glow of new life? Our churches need not be ashamed of their Sunday School workers as to intelligence and high mindedness. I certainly shall not charge them with being behind their time,—nay, rather, I would commend them, for many of them are striving to keep

well on the level of the exact present demands made upon them; but we should do more, and, while faithful to what we can see of present duty and possibility, we should awaken our minds to anticipate, and broaden our labors to bring in the larger and better future.

In view of the importance of the Sunday School work in its bearings upon the prosperity of our churches and the dutiful promotion of the cause of Christ, the Secretary would ask the Conference for the consideration of the resolutions presented with this Report, and their passage, if such action be deemed advisable.

(These Resolutions were adopted by the Conference, page 8.)

Respectfully submitted,

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## HOW CAN WE AVOID THE STATE WHICH DEMANDS REVIVALS?


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It is implied in the question that there is such a state, that it is evil and that it can be avoided. That there is such a state cannot be doubted. That it is evil and can be avoided will depend upon what we mean by revival. If it be used in reference to the church and church members—the reviving of the love and zeal of professing christians, attended by the awakening and conversion of sinners, then the state demanding it is evil and ought to be avoided. If it is used to designate a religious awakening on the part of the unconverted, without reference to the state of the church, then the state demanding it may be very good, and to be sought rather than avoided.

For the special awakening and conversion of sinners is one phase of



normal work of a living, growing church. So far as the world is concerned, uniform results must not be expected from the constantly faithful efforts of christians.

Sometimes men will hear, and sometimes they will not. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel, and a great multitude believed unto life; Stephen, filled with the same Spirit, preached the same gospel, and the issue in those who heard was mocking and rage and murder. And all through the records of the Acts of the Apostles, we discern a similar diversity in result of the equally fervent preaching of the same truth. And the same is implied in all the epistles.

And hence we read such words as these in one of the epistles to the Corinthians—(2 Cor. 2: 14, 15.) "Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God in them that are saved, and in them that perish."

It was the divine leading, and a leading in triumph, whether men believe and were saved, or mocked and perished. There are times when men will give no heed to the truth, and there come times when the same men will hearken and believe. There are tides and seasons in the heart of man, over which we have no control, and of whose law we know nothing.

And the church of Christ, guided by the spirit who knows what is in men's hearts, makes use of that phase of truth which shall suit the state of men's minds. As in nature there is a season especially devoted to the planting of seed, followed by one for culture, and then one for the harvest, so is it in the spiritual husbandry.

We are social beings, and we are constituted so that we feel strongly as to only one phase of truth at a time. Hence the thought and feeling of a community will pass from truth to truth as the sun moves through the constellations. At one time, the awakening and converting truths will receive unusual attention, at another some of the upbuilding truths.

Religion has to do with all life. And the church may be just as vital in all its members, and may be doing just as effective work for the salvation of men, when it emphasizes the truths pertaining to temperance, to personal integrity or to fraternal love and mutual self-denying service, as when specially setting forth the truths pertaining to the conversion of sinners.

Where there is life there must needs be diversity in the experience.

There is to be "first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear." The unexpected, the unusual happens. The rod of life will put forth buds, and the buds will break forth in glorious bloom. But there was life in the rod before the bud and the bloom. It was a good rod—a living rod.

So the living church, which arrays itself in the bud and bloom of souls rejoicing in conversion, was a good and living thing before the bud and bloom. It is the usual life of the church. Its work is largely hidden from our poor material eyes—like the wood-formation beneath the bark of the tree.

There is steady loving work. The stated means of grace are honored. Every man and woman is in his place. There are cases of thoughtfulness here and there, and a new voice with a glad ring in it is heard occasionally in the social meeting. But the mind of the church, and the voice of the pulpit, are given mainly to the upbuilding truths.

But after a time, the heart of the church begins to yearn with greater tenderness towards the impenitent. Public prayer becomes more intercessory. The social meetings grow warm with loving invitations. The themes of the pulpit change in accord with this phase of the work, and the preaching becomes more persuasive in respect to the unconverted. And thus the awakening and converting truths come to the front, fill the heart of the church, and reach and move the hearts of sinners.

There is an ingathering. There is a revival. It is not a revival in the church but outside of it. It is an awakening of the unconverted, the manifestation of the divine leaven in the world. It is the result of the normal life of the church. It is one of the incidents of its growth.

The ordinary state of the church is one of quiet growth of its members, with the quiet coming into the kingdom of its children, but with comparatively few conversions of adult unbelievers. Probably most conversions of men and women will occur in connection with these times of special awakening.

And revival, so understood, is a legitimate normal phase of church life. The state out of which it comes is good—is as legitimate and good as the revival itself. It is neither desirable to avoid it, nor can it be avoided except by a Laodicean lukewarmness.

But the evil state which demands revivals is very different from this.



The church itself has left its first love. Its preaching lacks evangelic fervor. The social meetings are chilly. Christians feel that the only hope is a revival,—that they can do nothing for souls until visited by some special refreshing from on high. And so the church waits for the voice of strangers, and seeks after extraordinary means, while neglecting the usual means of grace. It is surely a sad truth that this state exists, and that it is found in many of our communities. We shall all agree that it is evil. There ought to be no doubt that it can be avoided. Let us consider some means to this end.

1. Embrace the truth that the life of the individual and of each church should be one of constant growth and glad vigor. When the church is backslidden, its first love left, the ordinary Christian duties neglected, the usual means of grace slighted and dishonored by God's people; this is not the misfortune of the church, of its individual members; it is their sin. It is not caused by the inscrutable withdrawing of Christ's presence, but it is a free, voluntary turning away from Christ. To bewail their sad state, to demand some extraordinary revival instrumentalities, even to pray to God for the outpouring of the Spirit,—neither of these is in order, but *repentance*. The first thing to be done in such case is to repent, and do deeds worthy of repentance. There should never come the time in the christian heart or in the church, when the Lord's work needs to be revived. Christ gives each of his disciples water in an eternally up-springing fountain. He dwells in every one of his churches as its living Head. And deadness in the church is evidence, not of his unfaithfulness, but of the sin of the church. In order to avoid this we must shoulder the responsibility. It is not our duty as Christians to convert sinners, or to produce transforming awakenings in communities. But it is our duty to follow the steps of the Master, and do whatever we are bid. And in the backslidden state we do neither the one nor the other. Whoever is in it, let him repent; whoever is verging towards it, let him know that he is entering upon a course of sin.

2. Submit cheerfully to the will of the Master as to the phase of work, and conform to that will as to the truth to be preached and methods of working. We are impatient to see the awakening of the unconverted. There is not one of our parishes so situated that a religious awakening among its impenitent ones would not seem desirable above all things. But it does not follow that such an awakening will occur,

even if the church is in obedience. It does not follow that the awakening truths are to be especially brought to the front.

The Holy Spirit will direct. That guidance is to be followed implicitly and cheerfully and rejoicingly. We need not deem ourselves empty of the Spirit if sinners will not hear; if the truth we preach falls upon the hard-trodden wayside, the sterile rock, or among crowded thorns. Do not grow impatient; do not resort to questionable methods. Peter, filled with the Spirit, preached, and thousands were converted; Stephen preached, also filled with the Spirit, and his listeners were confirmed in their wickedness. When, guided by the divine Spirit, we strive for Christ, we may say with the great apostle, "Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ. For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God in them that are saved, and in them that perish." We cannot fully comprehend the divine method in the salvation of men. We can only walk reverently as we are guided. If the cloud lifts, go confidently forward; if it remains, pursue the work of the day before just as confidently. We must obey not God's Word only, but the living Spirit of God dwelling in us, if we would avoid the state of desolation.

3. Seek constantly to win souls to Christ. While seasons of the special awakening of the impenitent should be welcomed and expected, they should not be waited for by way of neglecting the unconverted. Let every one work over against his own house, each invite his friend. Life is uncertain. Waiting for the season of refreshing may be fatal. Let parents persuade their children, friend persuade friend, and all use business and social relations as levers to influence men to look and live. While probably a majority of those converted after the beginning of adult life are reached in revivals, this is not true of all, nor of the best experiences. To neglect to speak the word of invitation as opportunity offers, because there is no special interest in religion on the part of the world, is to enter the highway cast up by Satan to a lifeless life. And this is to be said with peculiar emphasis concerning the relation of parents to their children. Christian parents are to train up their children in the nurture admonition of the Lord. God would make them twice parents. And they are *to wait for nothing* while they delay to persuade their trusting children to trust in the gracious Saviour.

The home that is leavened with the spirit of Christ is the natural birth-place of souls; and the brooding love of pious parents is best

fitted to strengthen and nourish the puny plant of child-piety, better than aught else this side heaven. And a congregation, where there is a considerable number of children of the church growing up in irreligion, is one in which there is a vicious demand for a revival. Let every one work patiently and hopefully over against his own house, in season and out of season. God owns and blesses no other work : s he owns and blesses this. Then, when the set time for the special enlargement of Zion comes, the flood-tide of the divine grace will fall with unbroken force upon those who are without, upon those who have hitherto held themselves aloof from the blessed persuasions of Christian association and companionship.

Revivals are not to be waited for nor depended upon to do the work of evangelization, especially as regards our children, our friends, and all whom we can reach personally. But there is a tendency of this kind. We neglect to invite our friends lovingly and tenderly to the Saviour, and excuse ourselves with the thought that it would be vain, because there is no special religious interest. We teach our children the truth, hoping that when the time of refreshing comes it will spring up into life. We defer our work and defer our hopes to the time of awakening. And the children grow up with the thought that they must wait for the beginning of the new life, until some indefinite time and some inscrutable influence in the future. In its extreme form this exceedingly practical heresy involves the waiting for the voice of a stranger, the use of novel methods and peculiar agencies. Evangelists, great union meetings, solos, duets, and grand choruses, are good as awakening agencies. God has set the seal of his approval upon them. They are good when they are needed. But it is a sorry thing that they are so often needed. And these special agencies of revival are needed for the conversion of the children of Christian parents, and the personal friends of Christian men and women, because ordinary duty is left undone, while we wait for times and seasons which we think God has put in his own peculiar power. And while we dally in our waiting, our boys and girls die in impenitence, or grow up irreligious. And so the church languishes for lack of youthful vigor, and the spirit of worldliness paralyzes its strength. Then with a cry of anguish are heard the sad strains of Zion : —

“Saviour, visit Thy plantation!  
Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain;  
All will come to desolation,  
Unless Thou return again.”

In every church of Christ there are some living members. Let them keep at work, each over against his own house. Let them strive hard fully and expectantly for the conversion of their associates, their friends and their children. The divine promise thus honored, God's blessing will surely rest upon that church, and they will never need to Zion's hymns of despair.

4. If we would avoid this state of desolation, we should seek to expect early piety, and *take care of it*. In the ideal society the children all have pious parents, are born into the Divine Kingdom in childhood, through the spiritual travail of their parents, and, nestled under the brooding love of home, grow up into symmetrical Christian life. We are so far from the ideal that not only are many of our children, the children of our congregations and Sunday-schools, brought up in irreligious homes, but even many who have professedly Christian parents receive no help at home for the divine life. For, strange as it may seem, many Christian parents do not believe in child-piety. They look to living Christians and to the pastor for spiritual parentage. They may be reached, may be led to consecrate themselves intelligently to the Lord, even in their untoward circumstances. Faithful service reaching them in Sunday Schools, in social meetings, in revival services and by personal ministration. Indeed, there is less occasion for concern as to the conversion of these little ones, than for their proper training after conversion. In the beginnings of their piety they are little birdlings whose mother is dead, or has unnaturally thrust them out of the nest. The church must become a foster parent to these spiritual orphans.

It is certain that hitherto adequate means have not been found among us for the training of these little ones. Hence it is this class which constitutes the army of backsliders in our congregations. And I doubt any of us suspect how largely the evil state demanding revivals comes from the neglect of these orphaned souls. There are multitudes undoubtedly in all Christian communities leading a hidden, unconfessed and undeveloped life. The seed of life germinated in the warmth of the youthful heart, but, left to grow without cultivation, it was overgrown and hidden. It lived, but could not perfect fruit. Though upon the outside became essentially irreligious, yet there remained a sacred restraint as to evil, and yearning for living piety. There is an inner closet where prayer is sometimes heard. Doubtless many

go down to the grave and give no sign. But some are brought to the first love by some awakening uplift in the community, or some discipline of sorrow or pain, or by the loving pressure of some christian companion. We may hope they will be saved at the last if so as by fire, suffering loss. But in this life they are destitute of the divine comfort, and do no efficient service for the Master.

Various agencies are being introduced for the training of the children. There will doubtless be evils connected with some of these, but surely a move in the right direction. The experience of the past should constrain us to seek out some means by which these children may be wisely trained in a life of piety. And if this is found, those who are being trained will themselves be as leaven for the conversion of their mates. And thus the demand for revivals for the reclaiming of backsliders, and for the conversion of these persons, grown up irreligious, will cease.

This subject is not exhausted; but these four things may be said in answer to the question, How can we avoid the state which demands revivals?

1. The life of the church should be one of glad vigor. Dearth *in church* is not a misfortune, it is a sin.

2. Cheerfully submit to the will of the Master as to the phase of work. Do not be dismayed by apparent lack of results, nor try to do things by resort to doubtful methods.

3. Work constantly for the conversion of souls *in the absence* of special interest on the part of the impenitent.

4. Let the living Christians win the young to Christ, and nourish and cherish their child-piety.

# THE DIVORCE EVIL.

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REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 21, 1882

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REV. GEORGE S. DICKERMAN, *Chairman.*

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The rapid multiplication of divorces in our time is a startling fact in the field of social morality. Social conditions are chiefly determined by the condition of family life and the family life is determined by the prevalent view of marriage. When, therefore, it is common to treat marriage with contempt, and annul its solemn covenant for every cause, there is occasion for serious reflection, if not for deep solicitude.

In the general survey of this subject, the first thing to attract one's attention is the law. We are at once struck with the radical changes which have been introduced both in the statutes and in the practice of courts within the last thirty-five years. Hence it is natural that the first efforts to correct the evil should be directed towards an improvement of the law.\*

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\*See an article in the Lewiston Journal of December 24th, 1881, on "The Divorce Laws of Maine." The law was as follows at that time. "All marriages prohibited by law as specified, are absolutely void; and the sentence of either party to imprisonment for life and confinement under it, dissolve the bonds of matrimony without any legal process in either case.

A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed by the Supreme Judicial Court, in the county where either party resides at the commencement of proceedings when the judge deems it reasonable and proper, conducive to domestic harmony and consistent with the peace and morality of society, if the parties were married in this State or cohabited here after marriage, or the

In 1875, the Governor of our State called the attention of our legislature to the need of some enactments on this subject in his annual message, and gave as a reason for it the fact that 478 divorces had been decreed in the courts the previous year. Nothing, however, was done at that time.

In 1880, the General Conference of Congregational churches authorized its officers to bring the subject to the attention of the legislature, and to take such action as they thought expedient.

In the following October, the Cumberland Association of Congregational ministers, appointed a committee for a similar purpose, which circulated a petition to the legislature, obtained a large number of signatures, and then had the case argued before the judiciary committee. This movement did not succeed in obtaining any legislation, but was effective in turning attention practically to the danger threatening society. After this the subject was brought to the notice of the churches of other denominations, and their co-operation secured. Statistics of the number of divorces annually decreed, which were gathered by private inquiry, were published. Many articles were written for the press. Sermons were preached and addresses delivered. A State organization was formed, with about one hundred and fifty members. Consultations were held with judges of our Supreme Court and other eminent jurists. And then in the fall of 1882, as the time approached for the legislature to assemble, new petitions were circulated, and measures taken to bring the subject again before the legislature. A paper embodying the opinion of three judges of the Supreme Court was obtained, which served to define the course of legislation asked for, and to give weight to the request of the petitioners. Several prominent lawyers and gentlemen of other professions, interested themselves very heartily in the movement. The case was argued again before the judiciary committee, received a respectful hearing and cordial endorsement, and in due time the measures proposed were carried in both houses of the legislature by

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*libellant resided here, when the cause of divorce accrued, or had resided here in good faith one year prior to the commencement of proceedings. Either party may be a witness, and when such divorce is granted may marry again.*

*The Court shall grant such divorce for three years wilful desertion, or abandonment without reasonable cause or intent to procure a divorce, and may, for a less period. Revised Statutes 1871, chap. 60, secs. 1, 2, 3.*

large majorities, and have now become incorporated in the laws of the State. Honor is especially due to the chairman of the judiciary committee in the House, whose effective and earnest advocacy of the bill secured its passage.\*

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\*The new law is as follows:

CHAPTER 212.

AN ACT to amend chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes, relating to Divorce.  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECT. 1. Section two of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "when the judge deems it reasonable and proper, conducive to domestic harmony and consistent with the peace and morality of society;" and inserting instead thereof the words "for causes of adultery, impotency, extreme cruelty, utter desertion, continued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing of the libel, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, cruel and abusive treatment, or on the libel of the wife, where the husband, being of sufficient ability, grossly or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for her." Said section is further amended by striking out the word "if" in the fifth line and inserting the word "provided" instead thereof, and by striking out the words "and when such divorce is granted, may marry again," in the last two lines, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, viz.:

SECT. 2. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed by the Supreme Judicial Court in the county where either party resides at the commencement of proceedings, for causes of adultery, impotency, extreme cruelty, utter desertion, continued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing of the libel, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, cruel and abusive treatment, or on the libel of the wife, where the husband, being of sufficient ability, grossly or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for her; provided the parties were married in this State, or cohabited here after marriage; or, if the libellant resided here, when the cause of divorce accrued or had resided here in good faith one year prior to the commencement of proceedings. Either party may be a witness.

SECT. 2. Section three, twelve and thirteen of said chapter are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. All decrees of divorce shall, in the first instance, be decrees nisi, to become absolute after the expiration of six months from the entry thereof, on the application of either party to the clerk of the Court and on such application, the clerk shall enter a final decree; unless the court has for sufficient cause, on application of any party interested, otherwise ordered.

SECT. 4. After a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, the party on whose petition the divorce was granted, shall not marry again within two years after the entry of the final decree, except on permission granted by the Court. The



It is greatly to the credit of our state that there were very few lawyers in our last legislature who opposed these changes. But there was opposition which was bitter and determined. The spirit of the opposition is seen in the incident that after the bill had passed, and was waiting the Governor's signature, it was abstracted from among the State papers, and, but for the vigilance of its friends, would even then have succeeded to become a law. These efforts to improve our laws have resulted in laying practical restriction on the legal processes of divorce which, we may hope, will prove of great advantage. Continued attention ought to be given to this phase of the subject, and great care should be exercised to prevent in the future unwise and injurious legislation.

But the subject has other aspects which also demand our attention.

A sudden and large increase in the number of divorces which is witnessed in our time must be referred to deeper and more insidious causes than imperfect legislation. In connection with the great changes which are coming over the modes of human life in the present century, it is evident that there are powerful influences in operation which somehow tend to weaken the marriage bond, dissolve or destroy family life, and reorganize society. These influences are so complex, so indefinable, so subtle and secret, that it is difficult to awaken public opinion to their extent, and to the greatness of the danger involved. But for this very reason there is all the more need of patient inquiry and earnest reflection upon the subject. In this connection certain facts claim our particular notice as bearing on the general subject.

*The ease with which a place of abode is changed, and the growing habit of travel.* This weakens the power of home life, and relaxes many healthful moral restraints.

Any person against whom the divorce was granted, shall not marry again within five years from the entry of said decree, and not afterwards except on permission granted by the Court.

CT. 5. Within thirty days after the adjournment of any Court having jurisdiction of divorce, the clerk thereof shall make returns to the Secretary of State of the applications and decrees *nisi* for the term. In cases of divorce, the names of the parties and the causes for which the divorces were granted. And the Secretary of State shall record the same in a book kept for that purpose.

CT. 6. The provisions of this bill shall not apply to any libel now pending.

[Approved March 13. 1883.]

2. *The increase of luxury, and aversion to economy, drudgery, and house work.* When young men are unwilling to bestow any effort in making their homes attractive, and young women prefer the cotton-mill and shoe-factory to their kitchens and drawing-rooms, the results cannot be good.

3. *The multiplication of bad literature, and the false views of marriage and practical life which are widely inculcated by this means.* A marriage contracted from romantic motives, and in defiance of sound common sense, will not be likely to prove a happy one.

4. *Ambition for notoriety and a dazzling career.* The abnormal craving for publicity is likely to be dissatisfied with the quiet, inconspicuous work of making a happy home.

5. *The multiplication of organizations on a different foundation than that of the family.* There are organizations in our country, numbered by the hundred thousands, into which the family life cannot enter, in which the members stand as simple individuals, and are treated as if there were no such thing as family obligations. Most of these organizations, too, are for social purposes and for mutual entertainment. I take up the Maine Year Book for 1881, and reckon up the number of lodges, clubs, and associations there reported for the single city of Portland. I find it to be 97; and how many clubs and societies are in existence there which are not reported I cannot tell; certainly there are a great many. And this is a sample of the condition of things all over our country. Organizations everywhere, and of all sorts for every imaginable object, good, bad, and indifferent. Men's clubs, women's clubs, boy's clubs, children's clubs. And all these operating with little or no recognition of the family and the home, taking people away from home, and giving them associations and interests separate from those of their families. The effect of all this upon the marriage relation and upon society may well demand considerate attention.

6. *The failure of marriage to result in the founding of a family.* Into this question I cannot enter with any thoroughness. It is sufficient here to observe that, as a general rule, children furnish the strongest of all bonds to unite the husband and wife, and most of the marriages which end in a divorce, are such as have not been blessed in this way.

These suggestions will indicate the extent of the field into which this subject introduces us. The divorce evil is an effect of causes as deep-

human depravity; and no superficial view of the subject will he the exigencies of the hour. We must examine not merely the rupture, but the symptoms of constitutional derangement out of which it arises. The demand upon us is to exalt the family, and every thing relating to family life, to its true position of dignity and sacredness. We must cultivate the Bible conception, and inculcate the same to the people. We must recognize that the family, not the individual, is the unit of society; that family morality is at the foundation of civil society, family religion at the foundation of all religion, and happy the home, the security of happiness everywhere.

We no longer do to estimate moral forces by their immediate effects on the individual merely. The deeper, more comprehensive question demands our attention. What does the good of society require? And to answer this question fairly, as it needs to be met, we must try all our means, our reformatory movements, our systems of education, our laws, our thought, our social usages, the drift of human life in every direction with reference to effects on the home and the family. If these means are conducive to the purest development and most vigorous growth of family life, they are healthful, christian, divine. And if they are not this, whatever else they may have attractive and apparently useful qualities, they are, in fact, at war with the dearest interests of mankind, destructive of sound virtue, true morality, and all genuine progress.

**Maine Divorce Statistics.**

for 1878, 1880, 1881, and 1882. The number for 1879, had not been ascertained.

COUNTIES.	1878	1880	1881	1882
Ag. In.	41	52	49	48
And.	17	8	10	18
Ben.	73	87	70	71
Can.	15	15	8	10
Car.	16	25	11	13
Ches.	49	89	64	66
Cum.	38	34	40	51
Den.	12	13	6	14
Essex.	25	24	27	29
Frank.	60	84	71	62
Greene.	5	9	12	7
Hamp.	11	11	12	9
Hampden.	28	35	25	29
Hawley.	36	27	39	32
Kennebec.	19	19	17	21
Lew.	33	55	51	49
	<hr/> 478	<hr/> 587	<hr/> 512	<hr/> 529

for the four years.—2106. Including 1879, it would be at least 2500.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
TO VISIT THE  
BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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Owing to the removal of several, and the temporary absence of other members from the State, only three of the visiting committee were present at the recent anniversary of Bangor Seminary. The members, however, in attendance, gave due attention to the examination of the several classes, and listened to the graduating exercises with an increasing appreciation of the work done in the various departments.

The attainment made in the study of Greek showed thoroughness on the part of the teachers, and earnest work with the students; and when is considered the fact that the larger number in these classes were without the previous training of a College course, we are impressed with the efficiency of the discipline in this Seminary. The young men in theology acquitted themselves well in giving clear conceptions of the doctrines of the Bible. The examination made evident the previous interest and devotion in study on the part of the entire class. The work done in Church history was very satisfactory. The students generally had a good understanding of the growth, characteristics and customs of the early church, as well as of her history of doctrines. In Homiletics each member read a carefully prepared plan of a sermon, subject to criticism by the class, and the examination indicated that the class had been wisely and thoroughly trained.

Professor Denio's inaugural address, on the maintenance and increase of interest in the study of the Hebrew Scriptures, revealed a comprehensive look into some of the causes of present unrest, and showed the things essential to a correct reception of God's Word.

The graduating exercises, Wednesday evening, were above the aver-

The young men had all written well and with scarcely an exception delivered their productions in a natural and impressive manner.

The committee were impressed with the small number of students in attendance, and especially impressed with the very few young men from our own State. As we were told in this Conference yesterday, less than one fifth in the Seminary from the Churches of our Conference. It is time for our eyes to open to the claims of our Seminary upon our churches in furnishing both money and men for larger usefulness. With the present board of efficient teachers, Bangor is worthy of a better attendance than she now has. We do not honor our own Seminary as we should, in presenting to the young men with the ministry in view, in our churches, the advantages to be secured within our own borders. Yea more, as churches we are remiss in duty in not inclining, through the Spirit's help, more of our young men to the ministry of the Word.

The Committee would urge upon the Conference a profounder interest in the worth of our Seminary, and ask that through prayer and beneficence, and the directing of young men to her doors, her efficiency may be greatly increased.

D. A. MOREHOUSE,  
WM. P. FISHER,  
C. W. HUNTINGTON,  
Committee.

June 20, 1883.

#### Trustees of the Bangor Theological Seminary.

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Term commences Sept. 13, 1883—fourteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week.

### The Sixty-Third Anniversary of the Seminary.

*June 5, Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock, in the Chapel.* The examination exercises commenced with prayer by Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth, member of the Visiting Committee from the General Conference of Maine. Prof. F. B. Denio, conducted the examination of the Junior class, in New Testament Greek; passages from Phillippians for translation and exegesis. 10 A. M. The senior and middle classes were examined in New Testament Greek Exegesis, by Prof. Chas. J. H. Ropes; the first five chapters of Romans, the basis of examination, with a review of lectures from the Professor on the introduction to the Epistle. 11.15 A. M.—Professor John S. Sewall, conducted the examination of the Senior class in Homiletics. Sung, "To our Redeemer's glorious name." The class read plans of sermons, which were criticised by the members. Remarks followed on subjects submitted, and answering questions put by the Professor and others present. 2 P. M.—Hymn; The Junior class under the direction of Prof. Ropes, were examined in New Testament Exegesis, taking portions of the first and eighth chapters of John's Gospel. 3 P. M.—Sung a hymn; Professor L. L. Paine, led the Senior class in an animated examination in church history. 4.30 P. M.—Sung a hymn; Professor Denio, examined the Junior class in Hebrew. The class were examined chiefly in the Lectures of the Professor during the year, on the Old Testament.

*Tuesday Evening.* The Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society was held in Hammond street church. Mr. Win. W. Fay, of the Senior class, President in the chair. Hymn; prayer, Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland; address by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass; Theme.—The dignity of the Christian Ministry.

*Wednesday, June 6.* 8 A. M.—Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Seminary. Rev. Stephen Thurston, Trustee from 1850, and President of the Board from 1860 to 1881, resigned,—and Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, elected a Trustee to fill the vacancy.

9 A. M.—Prayer meeting of the Alumni, led by Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville.

9.30. Examinations continued. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, member of the Visiting Committee from State Conference. Prof. L. F. Stearns led in the examination of the Middle class in systematic theology. 11.15—Sung a hymn. Professor Paine led the examination of the Middle class in Church history.

1 P. M. Dinner to the Alumni and friends, arranged and served by the ladies in the chapel. Following this, were remarks by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, who presided; Revs. Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Henry Blodgett, D. D., about to return to China; J. E. Adams; William Sewall, of Vermont; William P. Fisher, of Brunswick; A. L. Skinner, of Bucksport and George M. Gordon, of Connecticut.

NECROLOGY.—John C. Hurd, (1839) Buckland, Mass., Aug. 24, 1882, æt 72. Joseph Freeman, (1842) York, Me., March 22, 1883, æt 68. Franklin Davis, (1845) Ipswich, Mass., in the cars, on his way to his home in Tamworth, N. H., Oct. 26, 1882, æt 56. Frederic A. Reed, (1846) Harvard, Mass., June 9, 1883, æt 62. Gilbert B. Richardson, (1856) Hardwick, Mass., Feb. 20, 1883, æt 56. Benjamin Southworth, Jr., (1857) July 6, 1883, æt 62. Isaac Jacobus, (1865) Westminster, California, Feb. 16, 1883, æt 46. Frederic A. Thayer, a member of the class in 1879-'80, Quincy, Ill., March 25, 1883, æt 35. Albert H. Pennell, of the Middle class, 1882. Saccarappa, Me., Sept. 12, 1882, æt 29.

See Necrology, pps. 111—118.

OFFICERS OF THE ALUMNI ELECTED.—*President*, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, (1874) of Brewer; *Vice President*, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, (1878) of Oldtown; *Secretary and Treasurer*, James H. Crosby, (1865) of Bangor; *Necrologist*, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., (1858) of Bangor; *Executive Committee*, Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, (1868) of Foxcroft; Rev. Charles B. Wathen, (1883) of Orono.

Arrangements to be made for a full meeting of the Alumni next year.

### Inauguration of Professor Francis B. Denio.

4 P. M. The exercises attending the Inauguration of Rev. FRANCIS BRIGHAM DENIO, as Professor of Greek and Hebrew, in the Seminary, were held in Hammond street church.

The services opened with singing by the congregation, hymn 673, Sabbath Hymn and Tune book. "In Heavenly love abiding;" prayer, Rev. S. P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Fay, a member of the Board of Trustees, and in their behalf, introduced Professor Denio, and welcomed him to the position to which he had been elected.

The theme of Prof. D's inaugural address, was the character and value of the Old Testament, its unity and relation to the New Testament, and how we engage the present interest in the study of the Hebrew Scriptures so as to enstate and maintain them in their proper place.

The services closed with singing, and the benediction.

**Exercises of the Graduating Class.**

*Evening, 7.30.*—The graduating exercises of the Senior class were held in Hammond street church.

The pulpit and platform were tastefully arranged with flowers.

Organ voluntary, by Mrs. F. S. Davenport; Solo by Mendelssohn, "Still, still with thee," sung by Miss Nellie Blaisdell.

Prayer, Rev. Professor John S. Sewall.

Duet, "The Lord is my Shepherd," by Flint,—sung by Miss Blaisdell, and Mrs. W. H. Gardner.

Addresses by William W. Fay, Saratoga, N. Y., What is inspiration; George N. Howard, Bangor, Settled things; Charles L. Skinner, Bucksport, Eloquence in the pulpit.

Solo, "Show me thy ways O Lord," by G. Turrento, sung by Miss Blaisdell.

Addresses by Robert J. Kyle, Montreal, Q., The motives of Education; James D. Smiley, Montreal, Q., The Napoleonic idea of the Pulpit; Charles B. Wathen, Richibucto, N. S., Hamlet.

Trio for flute, violin, and organ, "Semiramide," de Rossini, by Mr. H. H. Aterian, Mr. C. A. Cushing and Mrs. Davenport.

Conferring of diplomas by Professor John S. Sewall, with appropriate remarks.

Prayer by Rev. William Sewall, of Vermont.

Hymn by the congregation, "Ye christian heralds, go proclaim."

Benediction by Professor L. L. Paine.

Report of anniversary in Bangor Whig, and Commercial June 6, 7; Lewiston Journal, June 6, 7; Congregationalist, June 14; Advance, June 21.

A series of addresses was arranged to be delivered by pastors, before the members of the Seminary, on practical topics connected with the ministry, which were also attended by others from several churches. Jan'y 2, 1883, by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, on the importance of vital piety in the ministry, in all their work. Jan'y 15, Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, on the motive which should influence the choice and work of the ministry. Feb'y 20, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton, The pastor's relation to, and work in the Sunday School. March 20, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, The ways in which the Pastor should lead his people, in the pulpit, and out of it. April 3, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, The minister as a citizen,—his relation to the moral, intellectual, and religious character and growth of the town. April 10, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Hammond street church, Bangor, The elements of success in the ministry, the things to be cherished, and those to be repressed. April 26, Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Dedham, Mass., Pastoral work among the children,—the need, the aim, the measures, the results. There was a lecture Dec. 18-'83, by Rev. Thomas Hill, D. D. of Portland, on Ethics; March 8, by Rev. William Cuthbertson, D. D., of London, Eng., on the state of religion in England; March 15, by Rev. Reuben Thomas, D. D., of Brookline, Mass., on the Bible.



The Semi-annual exhibition of the Rhetorical Society, was held on the evening of Jan'y 23, 1883. W. W. Fay, the president, welcomed the audience which filled the Chapel. Prayer by Professor John S. Sewall. Addresses by Messrs. J. B. Hawes, of Brooksville, "The age in which we live;" L. Robinson, of Palmyra, "Evolution and the Bible;" S. D. Towne, of Bennington, Vt., "Garfield;" C. B. Wathen, of Richibucto, N. B., "The Enigmatical in urns." Readings by Miss Anna B. Snowe, "How he saved St. Michaels;" "The Deacon's Story;" and "The Judge and Mary McGuire." The musical portion, was a song by Miss Alice G. Woodbury, "Waiting at the Brooklet;" song by Mr. John A. Thomas, "Come into the Garden, Maud;" song by Miss Annie Sellers, "The Wanderer," with flute obligato by Mr. H. H. Acterian, accompanied by Miss A. C. Garland, on organ. Benediction by Professor L. Paine.

A Society for missionary inquiry was organized in the Seminary April 24, '83, designed to promote the interest in missions in the Seminary, and in the churches. Mr. N. H. Harriman, of the Seminary, spoke on the true spirit of missions, and Manly Hardy Esq., of Brewer, on Explorations and Missions in America. Meetings to be held on Tuesday evening, monthly. At intervals the public are to be invited to be present.

#### **Petition for the Incorporation of Bangor Theological Seminary.**

The following petition for the incorporation of this Seminary under the name of the "Maine Charity School," was copied from the records in the State Department, Massachusetts, by J. F. Pratt, M. D., of Chelsea, Mass. The "Society for Theological Education in the District of Maine," referred to, was organized at Portland in 1810, by Dr. Payson and others. Its object was "to assist indigent young men into the ministry to supply new settlements." It was chartered in 1812.

The residences of those mentioned to be included in a corporation, and named Trustees, were as follows: J. Sawyer, Garland; K. Bailey, Newfane; E. Gillett, Hallowell; W. Jenks, Bath; M. Blood, Bucksport; A. C. Man, Windham; D. Thurston, Winthrop; H. Loomis, Bangor; A. R. Mitchell, North Yarmouth; S. E. Dutton, Bangor; S. Redington, Vassalboro. The "limits of the County of Hancock," at that time included also Penobscot and Waldo Counties. Penobscot County was incorporated in 1816.

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, January, 1814.

#### **Humbly Report,**

The subscribers, a committee appointed by a Board of Trustees of the "Society for Theological Education in the District of Maine:" That some time since said Society was incorporated for the purpose of raising a fund to assist well-disposed young men in obtaining an education for the Gospel Ministry, and that many embarrassments and inconveniences occur in practice said Trustees, from being unable to dispose of their funds to profitable advantage in carrying the object of said corporation into effect; that in the opinion of said Trustees it is important that a school for the promotion of theological Education should be established to receive the support of said

Society and others for the purpose aforesaid; that there is no adequate provision in said Incorporation Act for such a school. Therefore your Petitioners, in behalf of said Trustees, humbly request your Honours to incorporate Rev. John Sawyer, Rev. Kiah Bailey, Rev. Eliphalet Gillet, Rev. Wm. Jenks, Rev. Mighill Blood, Rev. Asa Lyman, Rev. David Thurston, Rev. Harvey Loomis, Hon. Ammi R. Mitchell and Samuel E. Dutton, Esq., with such others as may hereafter be associated with them, into a Corporation and Board of Trustees of a school to be established within the present limits of the county of Hancock, for the purpose of promoting Religion and Morality, in the education of pious young men and others, by the name of "The Maine Charitable School," or by such other name as your Honours may please to give them, with all the powers and privileges usually given to, exercised and enjoyed by other institutions of the like nature and purpose, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed)

MIGHILL BLOOD,  
AMMI R. MITCHELL,  
SAMUEL REDINGTON,  
SAM. E. DUTTON.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
OF THE  
Maine Branch of the American College and  
Education Society.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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Scarcely ever before has there so much attention been given, as during the last year, to the education of young men for the ministry. Widely opposing causes have contributed to this special interest. The lament of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, over the diminution of ministers, has been echoed in the columns of our papers, and from all our pulpits and conferences. Our own minutes of the session reveal the painful fact that there are less licentiates this year in connection with our Conferences, than there were last. If this attention shall issue in new interest, and new measures, even this cloud will have a silver lining. Agitation is often the forerunner of new life.

There are many apparent causes for this sad condition of things but it will be poor economy to study only the causes. The skilled physician does not always diagnose. The church should apply herself to discovering some remedy for this. It is idle and shameful to leave it to right itself.

We believe that among other agencies we have, in our Education

, a very providential method of assistance. Let us beware how despised, or opposed. It is by no means a mark of faith to say that young men, if they are really in earnest, will find some way to ministry. To the shame of the church is it if such a convenient for idleness be resorted to. The strong church of to-day should not allow a young man to spend his energies in thus battling with needlessness.

We desire to put on record our protest against the attempt to revile the work of this Society by calling it a degrading charity. The very presence of preachers on the list of the Society, give the lie to the assertions by a distinguished President of one of our foremost colleges, that it is not of our own denomination. Some of the foremost men of our land were assisted in no small way by this Society. Nor were they beggars, nor despisers of themselves. On the other hand they have amply repaid to the churches, the debt they owed, and if any are still debtors, the church of Christ owes to them a heavy debt.

Neither the ministers nor the churches can afford to think lightly of a work which God has so abundantly blessed.

There will be a practical method of righting our mournful statistics by increasing our funds for aiding students in this work. Doubtless there are many young men in all our churches who are working in a desultory way, and thus losing by aimlessness, much energy. Shall we not gird ourselves anew to the work, by urging definitely upon the minds of our young men the gospel ministry, and assuring them of the strong assistance of the church in pushing them forward? They are struggling now, and the tide of worldly pressure tends to carry them away from this great work? Shall we not help our society to put a pair of oars in the hands of every young man fitted for this work? Here then is one way. To call out particular cases, and keep them before our eyes, and thus arouse their attention.

Our Secretary would recommend what has doubtless been recommended before, that each pastor in the State preach a sermon this coming year, on the work and needs of this Society. Much of the carelessness of our churches is born of ignorance; and too much of this ignorance is to be laid at the door of our pastors. Let us tell our people of the needs of the hour, and then with renewed energy ask their practical assistance by liberal contributions. The contributions, we are glad to

see, have largely been increased this past year, but we are still giving a pitiable sum.

As one of the indirect means of furthering this object, we are glad to call attention to the special measures for the development of the young, so important and hopeful a feature in our minutes. Even already such measures as the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, give bright promise of inciting many of our best young men to set themselves apart for this work.

Above all else, let us be earnest in prayer.

S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE,

*Secretary.*

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## BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Report of the Committee of General Conference  
appointed to Visit this College.

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The Committee appointed to visit Bowdoin College would give a very favorable report of its intellectual standing. The orations delivered at the last Commencement, both as to matter and manner, were excellent; bearing comparison, it is thought, with those of any similar institution. The addresses at Alumni dinner indicated on the part of graduates a high degree of pride in the College, and of affection toward it. Perhaps a stranger might be pardoned a smile at the frequent recurrence of certain familiar names, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Pierce, &c.; but after all, it is deemed no discredit to any College to have a list of names which every intelligent man must find familiar. No contempt for Greek literature has yet been bred by the world's familiarity with the name of Homer. Moreover, as one eloquent speaker remarked on that occasion, and as a noted Monday lecturer has since discovered; "they are not all dead yet."

With regard to the intellectual standing of the College, then, your Committee feels able to offer neither criticism nor suggestion.

They can only, without understanding the merits of the case, express their regret that one who had so commended himself to all, as teacher of mental and moral philosophy, should now be lost to the College and the State. If the loss was due to any defect in the governing machin-

ry of the institution, on account of which the brightness of such blessings is not appreciated until they take their flight, it might be possible and desirable to readjust this machinery. We trust that Professor Campbell's pronounced religious sentiments had no connection with his departure.

Your Committee finds reason for regret chiefly in the small size of the classes, especially of the Freshman class; and has been driven to seek some explanation for the patent fact that the College has not grown so rapidly as it might be desired and expected to grow. They have found, as it seems, at least a partial explanation in certain inarticulate suspicions among the churches concerning the religious standing and influence of the College. With regard to such suspicion, they offer two general remarks, one to the churches represented here, the other to the College itself.

I. To the churches they would report upon such facts as have come to their knowledge. These facts contain reason for much hope and gratitude.

The members of the faculty, or most of them, are men of openly evangelical belief, and of active evangelical influence. It is worthy of mention that a prayer meeting has been sustained among them for over two years on every Monday evening, of term time; that it has been well attended, and has often been a season of great refreshing.

As to the Students, those best qualified to judge, including the revered Professor Packard, seem generally agreed in the opinion that their moral and religious condition has not been better for many years than during this year now ending;—this year being a marked improvement on those immediately before it. The old and honored Praying Circle has been transformed, wisely as it is believed, into a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, thus enlarging its attendance and influence. Since the first of January, daily prayer meetings have been held in addition to the usual weekly meeting. Some of the Faculty have made it a point to attend these meetings, Professor Campbell, in particular, being usually present. On Sunday special meetings are held, when different members of the Faculty are often invited to address the students. The meetings for Bible study, also under Prof. Robinson, have been attended by the classes, generally in good numbers. Hazing, so trying an obstacle to the orderly progress of the College, has, it is hoped, received a decided and decisive check. We commend the firmness of the

Faculty in their maintenance of discipline; and hope that all right-minded people will sustain them in their present attitude.

On the whole, we take pleasure in bringing to your attention the religious earnestness shown by a large portion of the College faculty; and also a marked increase of zeal among the Christian students of the College. It is hoped that one or more have begun a Christian life during the year.

We are able to express a hope that tendencies and changes, in the College and among its Trustees and Overseers, will not be hereafter away from a truly Evangelical position.

We cannot speak on this subject without deep feeling; for we recognize the vital importance of the College to our home and church life throughout the State.

We recognize also our own responsibility—and remind our Christian people of their responsibility—to sustain this College so far as in conscience we can.

It is reason for sincere gratitude that our students enjoy the ministrations of a pastor who is positive in his Evangelical belief, and in whom both the College and the churches have hearty confidence.

II. But now, as to this suspicion, already mentioned, we would on behalf of the churches, address a few words to the College. The suspicion, as we think, rests upon some true convictions as to what this College ought to be, and as to certain dangers which of necessity must assail it.

The tendency of our own age has been to secularize education. The public school system, owing to our studied separation between church and state, may have furthered this tendency; as also the reaction of every hand from religious dogmatism. Wise men seem now beginning to fear an irreligious dogmatism. When a French municipal Council, in its passion for secular education, feels obliged to expurgate the name of God even from the fables of La Fontaine, we see this tendency reaching a grotesque, but perilous exaggeration.

Even President Eliot gives as a reason for privately endowed academies, that our public schools are, almost of necessity, non-religious. Even Herbert Spencer emphasizes the truth that no mere training and storing of the intellect can supply the education which we need. Indeed in many quarters, as in the spirited discussions among the English

about their "Board Schools," we find expressed the conviction that this secularized, dessicated education cannot stimulate true intellectual life. To secure such life, there must be a firm basis of philosophical, i. e., of religious belief.

In a large university, such as Harvard, for instance, it may be possible and wise to seek religious impartiality by a species of eclecticism, various schemes of religious opinion presented, each fully and earnestly by its own advocates; the students choosing as well as they can between them. But for a smaller College, in our opinion, such a course is neither wise nor possible. The effort to secure such broad religious impartiality must result, we think, in irreligion; and so, in an education faulty from the base. Therefore, speaking in behalf of the churches, your Committee would translate any latent suspicion among them, into the form of this frank declaration, that Bowdoin College, in our view, ought always to stand for a single positive religious belief; and, in view of the character of its constituency, ought to give the best possible interpretation through learning and science to that single religious idea which prevails among our Congregational churches. This does not limit the College to a narrow sectarianism: for as churches we do not regard ourselves narrowly sectarian. It would, however, forbid any attempt after an eclectic impartiality such as might be fitted to the largest Universities.

Following this course, we trust the College will be, as it is designed to be, a training school of young men, for the Evangelical Christian Ministry in this State; of young men with the broadest education, but with a very positive faith in Christ at the basis of it.

Our report, therefore, on the religious condition of the College comprises these two heads.

To the churches we report with satisfaction the christian earnestness shown by a large portion of the faculty, and during the past year, a marked increase of zeal among the christian students.

On behalf of the churches, we express our conviction that the aim of Bowdoin College, should be always to offer an education, free from prejudice, indeed, or any suppression of truth, but vitalized by a firm belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

(Signed,)

WM. R. RICHARDS,  
F. D. KELSEY,  
R. WOODBURY,  
C. A. DICKINSON.

**Bowdoin College, Brunswick.***Incorporated June 24, 1794.***FACULTY.**

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**Commencement Exercises.**

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE by Professor Gabriel Campbell, Sabbath P. M., July 8, 1883, Ecc. 10:15.—“The labor of the foolish wearleth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.” Ignorance the mother of calamity, and man's life and peace the inseparable concomitant of his ration-



in and penalty have a common root. Harmony with what is highest, and by knowledge of what is highest.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. Professor Alpheus S. Packard, D. D.

In the morning a sermon was preached before the Young Men's Christian Association of the College, by Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Dedham, Mass. —The call of God to the young men of this country. 1. The Divine Authority. 2. Selection. 3. The ground of choice and condition of obedience.

Devotional exercises by Professor A. S. Packard, who read Scripture Lesson Genesis, and offered prayer.

*Evening, July 9.*—Junior prize Declamations, in Memorial Hall. Grimmer's Orchestra, of Portland. First prize to J. A. Waterman, second prize to L. Barton, Naples.

*July 10.*—Class Day. 10, A. M., Memorial Hall. C. H. Stetson, Sumner, President. Prayer, J. D. Lennan, of Gardiner; Oration, J. D. of Orrington; Poem, Benson Sewall, of Bangor. 3 P. M., Under the Oak.

7.—Illumination; Concert by Chandler's Band, Portland, etc.

*July 12.* 9 A. M.—Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa.

—Annual meeting of the Alumni in the Cleveland Lecture room, Proctor B. Sewall presiding. 3 P. M.—Address before the Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, by Rev. Newman Smyth, D. D., of New Haven, Conn. "The Art of Thinking." Prayer by Rev. Ephraim C. Cummings, of Bangor. Music by Chandler's Orchestra of Portland.

7.—Promenade Concert on the Campus, by Chandler's Band.

*July 13.* 11 A. M.—Graduating exercises of the Senior Class. Six members. Ten addresses. Devotional exercises led by Rev. John D., of Newburyport, Mass., and Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., LL. D., of Bangor, Ct., both Alumni of 1833.

Hundred of the Alumni, at the close of the exercises, marched to the Chandler's Band, to Memorial Hall, and partook of the Commencement. Speeches were made at the close by President Chamberlain preceded by Governor Robie, Chief Justice John Appleton, of Bangor, (1822); Daniel H. Blake, of Bangor, (1827); Rev. John Pike, D. D., of Newburyport, Mass., in behalf of the class of 1833, who held their semi-centennial the evening previous; Rev. Charles F. Allen, D. D., (1839); Dexter Winslow, Esq., of New York, (1848); Hon. William W. Thomas, Jr., of Minneden (1869); Augustus F. Moulton, Esq., (1873), and E. W. Bartlett.

Speech of Dr. Pike is published in the Newburyport Herald, Aug. 8, '83.)

7.—Reception at the President's house.

At a meeting of the Trustees and Overseers, the resignation of President Chamberlain was read. He became President in 1871, but has been intimately connected with the College the past twenty-eight years.

In accepting his resignation, the Trustees recognize the force of the reasons which have led him to decide upon this act, and their remembrance and profound appreciation of the services he has rendered the College, not only during his Presidency but during the prior and lengthened periods of his connection with it as a student, and through the successive terms in which he has filled the offices of tutor, of Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory, of modern languages, and of Mental and Moral Philosophy. They also recognize the renown he has achieved in the field and the forum, and by his self-sacrificing and her endurance of protracted sufferings, tendering their sympathy and prayers for his complete recovery, and to the freest exercise of his manifold gifts for usefulness in the republic of letters, in the work of public education, and in the service of the country which he helped to save.

Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., was elected acting President. Prof. Henry L. Chapman, A. M., chosen Dean, to assist Prof. Packard. Ex-President Chamberlain was invited to instruct the Senior Class in Political Science and Public Law.

The resignation of Prof. Gabriel Campbell was referred to a Committee.

Hallowell Classical Institute, Fryeburg, Bridgton and Washington Academies were commended as fitting schools for Bowdoin College.

Thanks were extended to Col. T. W. Pierce for a portrait of Franklin Pierce, late President of the United States, and an alumnus of the College.

The bills for the completion of Memorial Hall have been received and paid. They amount to \$23,970.62.

The degree of LL.D. conferred on Hon. John M. Harlan, of Washington, D. C.; that of D. D. upon Rev. Albert H. Currier, Oberlin, Ohio.

The Necrology by Professor Packard included thirty of the Alumni, from 1822 to 1882, who have died during the year.

The class of 1833 held their Semi-centennial re-union, at Brunswick, Wednesday evening, July 11. Of the twenty-six that graduated, eleven are now living. Nine were present; viz., Rev. Charles Adams, D. D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., LL. D., New Haven, Ct.; Rev. John Phillips, D. D., Newburyport, Mass.; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Norridgewock; Rev. Charles Duren, Granby, Vt.; Rev. E. G. Parsons, Derry, N. H.; Rev. G. Tewksbury, Lyman, Me.; Nathan Weston, Esq., Boston; N. M. Whitcomb, Esq., Gardiner. From the other two, Rev. Wm. T. Savage, D. D., of Quincy, Ill., and Rev. Alfred Goldsmith, of Farmington, Ct., letters were read.

The classes of 1848, 1858, and 1873, held their 35th, 25th, and 10th, re-union at the Tontine, Brunswick, and the classes of 1843, 1880, 1882, and 1883 at the Falmouth, in Portland.

Mr. George S. Atwood, of Newton, Mass., instructed in French and German, during the absence of Professor Johnson, in Europe, from Sept., 1882.

Mr. George T. Little, of the class of 1877, gave temporary instruction in latin, from Sept., 1882.

Mr. Charles Taylor Hawes, class of 1876. Instructor in Rhetoric, from Feb'y, 1883.

The eighty-fourth birthday of Professor Alpheus S. Packard, was commemorated by the Maine Historical Society, Dec. 23, 1882. Portland Press, Dec. 20, &c. Ch. Mir. Dec. 30.

The history of Bowdoin College, by Professor Cleaveland and Packard, has been published in an octavo volume of 905 pages, with Biographical Sketches of its graduates, from 1806 to 1879 inclusive. It has fifty portraits, and a view of the College. Two hundred and fifty of the Alumni, or otherwise connected with the College, have been pastors or ministers of the Congregational churches of Maine.

The volume of Professor Upham on "Absolute Religion" referred to by Professor H. L. Chapman in Ch. Mirror, May 12, 1883.

Professor Gabriel Campbell elected Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in Dartmouth College. Accepts.

Hon. Paul Ansel Chadbourne, D. D., LL.D., died in New York, Feb'y 23, 1883, æt. 60 yrs. He was Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Natural Philosophy in this College 1859—62; and Prof. of Chemistry and Natural History, 1863—4. Dr. C. studied at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H. Grad. Williams Col., 1848; studied Theology at East Windsor, Conn., Tutor, afterwards Prof. of Chemistry in Williams Coll.; Principal of East Windsor Hill Academy; Professor in Bowdoin College, 1859—64; Professor in Berkshire Medical College 3 yrs.; President Madison University, which included the Agricultural College of Wisconsin from 1867; President Williams College 1872—81, and from 1882 President of the Mass. Agricultural College. He was connected with State and National politics, was President of the State Senate and Elector at large at the convention which nominated President Hayes.

The Alumni of Bowdoin in New York and vic., met Jan'y 19, 1883; in Washington, D. C., Jan'y 23; in Portland, Jan'y 30; in Boston, Feb'y 14.

The day of prayer for Colleges was observed by a suspension of studies, and service in the new Memorial Hall, at which a sermon was preached by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland. A union meeting was held in the evening.

The Praying Circle, instituted July 22, 1815, has been merged in the Young Men's Christian Association of the College. The meetings are open to all who desire to attend.

Commencement morning, a prayer meeting is held under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association of the College.

Fall Term commences Thursday, September 19, 1883. Commencement week, July 10, 1884.

**HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.***Incorporated February 8, 1872.***BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

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SARAH H. ALLEN, Drawing and Painting.

The Anniversary exercises were held June 24, 25, 26, 1883.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sabbath morning, June 24, 1883, by Rev. Almon W. Burr, 1 Tim. 4: 8. Theme.—Godliness pays for both Worlds.

*Monday, June 25*,—Examination of the classes. Total membership for the year, 145.

In the evening an address by Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston. Theme,—Practical Education and Efficiency.

*Tuesday, June 26, 2 P. M.*—Exercises of the graduating class, thirteen in number. Six were in the English and Scientific Course, three were in the Classical and four in the Seminary. There were six orations and seven essays. Five selections of vocal and instrumental music were interspersed. Notice in Ch. Mirror, July 7; Lewiston Journal and other papers.

*Evening*.—Collation and reception.

The courses of study are

1. The CLASSICAL, preparing for the best Colleges.
2. The SEMINARY, for the educational training and culture of young ladies.
3. ENGLISH, preparing for business.

Academical year begins Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1883.

The Ladies' Hall looks out upon the Kennebec River, is heated by steam, and furnished with bathing rooms, and an abundance of pure spring water.

Young men room in private families, and board at the Ladies' Hall, or find a home in private families.

The School year consists of three terms: The Fall, twelve weeks, commencing September 4, 1883; the Winter, fourteen weeks; and the Spring, thirteen weeks.

For Catalogue or information, address the Principal or Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary. Hallowell, Maine.

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### Woman's Board of Missions—Maine Branch.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 12, 1873.

*resident.*—Mrs. William H. Fenn, 39 Deering St., Portland.  
*Vice-Presidents.*—Aroostook Conference—Mrs. George B. Page, Houlton.  
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*reasurer.*—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, 122 High St., Portland.  
*ditor.*—Dea. Edward Gould, Portland.  
 Tenth anniversary of State Branch, in Farmington, June 21, 1883. (Page 30.)  
 There are now connected with the Maine Branch, eighty-four auxiliaries, and fifty-nine mission-circles. The receipts for the year. were \$3,547.16. The funds have been appropriated, for schools at Malden, \$158; Madura, \$5; Umbil. \$136.25; Bardsay, \$5; Sivas, \$49.20; Marsovan, \$4; Miss Lord's salary, \$450; Miss Hamlin's salary, \$450; Constantinople Home, \$36. Tenth Annual Report is published, 12 mo.

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### Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The Third Annual Meeting was held in Farmington, June 21, 1883. A report of it may be found on page 30.

The work of the Society, list of officers, etc., may be found with the report of the Maine Missionary Society.

**American Missionary Association,—Woman's Aid.**

ORGANIZED AT FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The report of the third annual meeting of this Auxiliary, at Farmington, may be found on p. 30. Receipts for the year, \$835.08.

Miss Anna E. Farrington, at Wilmington, N. C., (P. O. Box 207) and Miss Mary K. Lunt, at Selma, Ala., (P. O. Box 54) are sustained as teachers and missionaries among the Freedmen, by this Auxiliary. A letter from Miss F. was published in Ch. Mirror, May 5, 1883; from Miss L. in Ch. Mirror, May 19, '83; notice in Am. Missionary for June, 1883, p. 178. Reference to each in Minutes, p. 75.

Method of co-operation by Miss Mary E. Smith, of Gorham. In "Bureau of Women's Work." Am. Miss'y for June, 1883.

THE COMMITTEE this year.—Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram, (to whom all remittances should be sent); Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Miss Lillie C. Vose, Dennyville.

*Co-operating Committee in Local Conferences.*—Aroostook, Mrs. A. L. Page, Houlton; Cumberland, Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham; Cumberland North, — Franklin, Mrs. F. V. Stewart, Farmington Falls; Hancock, Miss Lucy L. Phelps, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, Mrs. M. A. Fiske, Bath; Oxford, Mrs. A. B. Wilson, South Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. Henry S. Brown, Bangor; Piscataquis, —; Somerset, — Union, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram; Waldo, —; Washington, Miss Lillie C. Vose, Dennyville; York, Mrs. T. W. Ricker, South Berwick.

**Young Men's Christian Association of Maine.**

*Object:—Spiritual, Mental, and Moral Improvement. The means:—Religious Meetings, Sunday-Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading-rooms, Lectures. Evening Classes, Library, the Press.*

Any information in regard to their object, organization, work, etc., furnished free, on application to H. P. Winter, Chairman State Executive Committee, Portland.

**Congregational Societies.**

*The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*—Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, Cong'l House, Boston. Missionary Herald, \$1.00 a year. "Mission Dayspring," \$3.00 per year for 25 copies.

*Secretaries of the American Board.*—Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., and Rev. J. O. Means, D. D., of Boston; *District Secretary* at New York City, Rev. H. C. Haydn, D. D., Bible House, Astor Place.

Receipts from Maine, one year, 1881-'2, \$6,113.88; Legacies, \$11,200.00; Mission Schools, \$493.85.—Total, \$17,807.73.

Annual meeting of the Board in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 2, 1883, 3 P. M.

*Woman's Board of Missions.*—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President*; Miss A. B. Child, *Home Secretary*; Miss Emma Carruth, *Treasurer*. "Life and Light for Woman," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms, 1, 2, Congregational House, Boston.—Receipts from Maine, \$14,214.81.

*The American Missionary Association.*—Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21, Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Treasurer*, 56 Reade street, N. Y., pays for the American Missionary Magazine,—published monthly. Funds for the Association may also be sent to Mr. Hubbard.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 56 Reade street, New York, *Secretary*; Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.—Receipts from Maine, \$6,709.03, including Legacies.

*The Woman's Bureau* has been established. Letters may be addressed to Miss D. E. Emerson, in charge, 56 Reade street, New York.

The Ladies of Maine have collected \$806.83, which is included in the above amount.

Annual meeting in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1883.

*American Congregational Association*, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

For information or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., *Cor. Sec.*, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer, Boston, Mass.

*Vice Presidents* for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Lewiston.

The thirtieth Annual Report is published, 12 pp., 8 vo.; books and pamphlets are acknowledged as received during the year from Maine, for the Library.

*The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.* Aids Sunday Schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., *Sec.* Rev. Albert E. Dunning, *Sunday School Sec'y*. Geo. P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Well Spring, published weekly, 60 cts. per year, or in lots of 20 at 50 cts. per year. Pilgrim Quarterly, 20 cents per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper for young scholars, 16 cts. per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper, monthly, 7½ cents; Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper, weekly, 25 cents per year. Donated from the Society to Maine, \$69.93. Receipts, \$92.52.

Rev. Benjamin P. Suow, of Biddeford, Member of the Board of Councilors from Maine.

Fifty-first annual report published 1883. Octavo, 48 pps.

*The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education*, and the *American Education Society*, are now united under the name of the *American College and Education Society*. Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States; and also aids students to the Christian Ministry; Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., *Cor. Sec'y*,

No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston. Prof. H. L. Chapman, Brunswick, Me., *Treasurer of the Maine Branch*.

Receipts from Maine, \$1,202.94. Ninth annual Report is published, 75 pps. 8 vo.

*The American Congregational Union*.—Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Corresponding Secretary; H. O. Pinneo, Treasurer and Recording Secretary, No. 59 Bible House, New York City; Rev. John O. Flske, D. D., of Bath, Vice-President from Maine; Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, State Secretary; Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. Maine Missionary Society, aids in communicating with the churches. Co-operating Committee of General Conference. See Minutes 1883, p. 17.

Last year's receipts from Maine, \$368.81 from thirty-eight churches, and \$214.87 from four churches and one Sunday School, designated by donors for particular churches; also \$10 from one individual for parsonages.

This Society has aided during the past year in building ninety-one meeting-houses in 22 States and Territories, to the amount of \$77,263.17. and six parsonages in four States, \$1,433.00



No. 29.—In the Suburbs of New York City.

*The American Home Missionary Society*, Bible House, Astor Place New York City, Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., *Honorary Secretary*; Revs. Walter M. Barrows, D. D., and Joseph B. Clark, *Secretaries for Correspondence*; Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., *Treasurer*, Post Office, Station D.

From 1853, when the Society was organized, 1,305 houses of worship have been built in 41 States and Territories by aid received from the Society, to the amount of \$857,467.15. (In Maine, thirty-one houses cost \$16,680.14.) There has been refunded by churches aided, \$54,114.08; contributions to the Treasury of the Union from churches aided, \$63,060.24. Total returned, \$117,174.32.

The Society has designs for Church Edifices, with plans, for the convenience of those purposing to build. Such, if they wish, can communicate with the Secretary, Dr. Cobb. One design is here given; cost complete, \$1,720. The lot was donated.

*The Church Building Quarterly* is published at thirty cents a year.



*Home Missionary*, published monthly, at sixty cents per year. Receipts for the past year, \$707.92; also a legacy of \$3000.

Ordinary June 5—7, 1883, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Fifty-seventh annual Report is published; 144 pps. octavo.

*Vest Education Commission*.—Rev. Charles R. Bliss, 112 West Washington, Chicago, Ill., *Secretary*; William H. Hubbard, 387 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Ill., *Treasurer*. Churches in Maine contributed during the year \$78.-  
Third Annual Report, 37 pps. octavo, is published.

### Congregational Organizations.

ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets triennially.

First meeting, Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871; New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874; Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877; St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, 1880. Next meeting in Concord, N. H., Oct. 1883.

Alabama, Congregational Association.....Talladega.....1883, Sept. 20  
 , with California.....Santa Cruz, Cal..1883, Oct. 9  
 Alaska, with Missouri.....St. Louis, Mo....1883, Sept. 13  
 Arizona, General Association.....Stockton.....1883, Oct. 9  
 Arkansas, Association of Cong'l Churches.....Denver.....1883, Oct. 11  
 California, General Association.....Wallingford.....1884, June 17  
 Connecticut, General Conference.....Norwich.....1883, Nov. 13  
 Delaware, Congregational Association.....Watertown.....1883, Sept. 20  
 District of Columbia, in New Jersey Cong'l Asso. Philadelphia.....1884, Apr. 22  
 Florida, Congregational Association.....Athens.....1883, Nov. 8  
 Georgia, not Associated.....  
 General Association.....Peoria.....1884, May 25  
 Idaho Territory, in Red River Association.....Texas.....  
 Illinois, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers. Terre Haute.....1884, May 14  
 Indiana, General Association.....Cedar Rapids....1884, June 4  
 Iowa, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers. Leavenworth....1883, Nov. 14  
 Kentucky, connected with Ohio.....Steubenville, O..1884, May 7  
 Louisiana, South-western Cong'l Asso.....New Iberia.....1883, Apr. 4  
 Maine, General Conference.....Biddeford.....1884, June 17  
 Maryland, in New Jersey Cong'l Asso.....Philadelphia.....1884, Apr. 22  
 Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.....North Adams....1884, June 17  
 Michigan, General Association.....Port Huron.....1884, May 21  
 Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Association.....Lake City.....1883, Oct. 10  
 Mississippi, with Tennessee.....Chatanooga Tenn.1883, Nov. 1  
 Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs.....St. Louis.....1883, Sept. 13  
 Montana, not Associated.....  
 Nebraska, Congregational Association.....York.....1883, Oct. 24  
 Nevada, in Gen. Asso. of California.....Stockton, Cal....1883, Oct. 3  
 New Hampshire, General Association.....Dover.....1883, Sept. 25

- New Jersey, Congregational Association.....Philadelphia, Pa.1884, Apr. 22  
 New Mexico, with Colorado.....Denver, Col.....1883, Oct. 11  
 New York, General Association.....New York City ..1883, Oct. 16  
 North Carolina, Association .....Dudley .....1884, May 3  
 Ohio, Congregational Association.....Steubenville .....1884, May 7  
 Oregon and Washington Cong'l Asso.....WallaWalla, W. T.1883, July 12  
 Pennsylvania churches connected with New  
     York, Ohio or New Jersey Association.....  
 Pennsylvania Western, Welsh Asso.....Hontzdale.....1883, Sept. 21  
 Pennsylvania Eastern, Welsh Asso.....Pottsville and Mi-  
     nersville.....1883, Aug. 31  
 Rhode Island, Congregational Association....Kingston .....1884, June 10  
 South Carolina, in Georgia Cong'l Asso.....Athens, Ga .....1883, Nov. 8  
 Tennessee, in Central South Association.....Chattanooga Tenn1883, Nov. 1  
 Texas South West Cong'l Association.....Corpus Christi ...1883, April  
 Texas, Red River Association .....  
 Utah, not Associated.....  
 Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs & Chs.St. Albans.....1884, June 10  
 Virginia, in Cong'l Association New Jersey....Philadelphia, Pa.1884, Apr. 22  
 Virginia West, in Ohio Con'l Association.....Steubenville, O...1884, May 7  
 Washington Territory, Congregational Asso...Houghton .....1883, Aug. 16  
 Wisconsin, Cong'l and Presb. Convention....Racine .....1883, Sept. 25  
 Wyoming, with Colorado Association .....Denver, Col .....1883, Oct. 11
- Congregational Union of England and Wales, London, Eng., 1884, May 12,  
 13, 16. Autumnal meeting in October.
- Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Economy, Col-  
 chester, Co., N. S., 1884, July 7.
- Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at Montreal, Q., 1884, June 4.  
 See note, p. 21.

### National Council.

DELEGATES TO THE FIFTH TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CON-  
 GREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES to be held in Concord,  
 N. H., commencing October 11, 1883, 11 A. M.—to continue over the Sabbath.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.  
 Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Norridge-  
 wock; Rev. William W. Thomas, Portland; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel.

*Alternates*.—Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., Portland; Dea. Joseph P. Thwing,  
 Farmington; Rev. William P. Fisher, Brunswick; Rev. William R. Richards,  
 Bath.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton; *Alternate*,—  
 Dea. Charles A. F. Johnson, Presque Isle.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; Rev. S. Winchester  
 Adriance, Woodford's, Deering. *Alternates*.—Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D.,  
 Portland; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham.

BERLAND NORTH.—Rev. George S. Dickerman, Lewiston; Rev. Eben-  
 lean, Gray. *Alternates*, Prof. Charles H. Smith, Brunswick; Dea. Bar-  
 Freeman, Yarmouth.

ENKLIN.—Rev. Albert G. Fitz, Wilton. *Alternate*.—Dea. C. H. Cutler,  
 ngton.

COCK.—Rev. Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth.

NEBEC.—Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond; Hon. James W. Brad-  
 of Augusta. *Alternates*, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; Samuel S.  
 s. Esq., of Augusta.

COLN and SAGADAHOOC.—Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; Rev. Henry  
 ayer, Woolwich. *Alternates*, Rev. Flavius Norcross, Union; Rev. J.  
 s Pond, Warren.

ORD.—Rev. David Garland, Bethel; *Alternate*, Rev. Theodore C. Jerome,  
 um, N. H.

OBSCOT.—Rev. J. E. Adams, Bangor; President Merritt C. Fernald.  
 . *Alternates*, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor; Dea. Joseph S. Wheel-  
 Bangor.

CATAQUIS.—Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, Foxcroft.

IERSET.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Norridgewock. *Alternate*, Rev.  
 n J. Rackliff, Skowhegan.

ON.—Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; Hon. George B. Barrows,  
 urg.

LDO.—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast.

SHINGTON.—Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville; Dea. Henry F. Eaton.  
 own. *Alternates*.—Rev. Charles G. McCully, Calais; Dea. Peter E. Vose,  
 ysville.

ORK.—Rev. Merrill Blanchard, Biddeford; Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, Limington;  
 el M. Came, Alfred.

### Average Ministerial Age.

he average ministerial age of the 188 ordained ministers now in the State is  
 ears; of 52 who have no pastoral charge, 33 years; of the others, (136) 16  
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! the 188, John. J. Carruthers, D. D., of Portland, has been in the ministry,  
 ears; Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld,  
 57 years; Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, 55 years, and still in active ser-  
 ; Phillip Bunnell, of Phillips, 55 years; Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth,  
 ears; Rev. Silas Baker, Standish, and Rev. Wooster Parker, Belfast, each  
 ears; twenty-two, from 41 to 50 years,—average 44 years; twenty-six,  
 n 31 to 40 years,—average 35 years; thirty, from 21 to 30 years,—average  
 ears; thirty-two, from 11 to 20 years,—average 15 years; seventy-one, from  
 10 years,—average 5 years,—total, 188.

Average time of settlement of the fifty-two over the churches of which they are now pastors—nine years; these have been in the ministry, average, sixteen years each,

Average time of settlement of eighty-four acting pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, four years; these have been in the ministry, average sixteen years each.

#### IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

The first and second column of figures in the table below, gives the number of ministers in each Conference, and the average years of their ordination. The third, fourth and fifth columns, the number of pastors, average number of years in the present pastorate, and the average number of years in the ministry. The sixth, seventh and eighth columns, the number of acting-pastors, the average number of years as such in the churches with which they are now connected, and the average number of years in the ministry. The ninth and tenth columns, the number without charge, and the average number of years in the ministry. Fractions of years are omitted.

Since the table was arranged for the year ending May 6, 1883, some have been omitted who have supplied a portion of the year, and others added who supplied after May 6. Thus giving the latest supply. It does not change the number of ministers in the State, or the average age.

Conferences.	1 No. of Ministers.	2 Av'ge Min- isterial Age.	3 Pastors.	4 Average No. of years.	5 Av'ge Min- isterial Age.	6 Acting Pastors.	7 Average No. of years.	8 Av'ge Min- isterial Age.	9 Without Charge.	10 Av'ge Min- isterial Age.
Aroostook .....	6	18	0	0	0	4	2	9	2	38
Cumberland .....	27	23	13	7	16	6	4	19	8	41
Cumberland North...	22	17	6	6	11	9	4	10	7	38
Franklin .....	11	27	1	0	18	3	2	14	7	34
Hancock .....	11	20	2	7	7	5	2	18	4	30
Kennebec .....	13	17	2	1	7	7	6	19	4	23
Lincoln & Sagadahoc.	14	17	5	13	18	8	4	13	1	45
Oxford .....	10	19	4	4	17	5	2	15	1	44
Penobscot .....	17	15	3	8	14	5	1	3	9	22
Piscataquis .....	7	18	4	12	19	3	6	17	0	0
Somerset .....	6	27	2	13	23	4	10	29	0	0
Union .....	9	20	2	7	7	6	4	20	1	50
Waldo .....	7	27	2	8	18	1	2	9	3	43
Washington .....	6	10	2	13	13	4	5	9	0	0
York .....	23	25	4	4	11	14	4	23	5	44
	188	20	52	9	16	84	4	16	52	33

**Treasurers and Auditors of the General Conference.**

1828 TO 1883.


**TREASURERS.**—Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, of Gorham, from 1828; Rev. William Allen, D. D., of Brunswick, from 1836; Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, 1838—41; Rev. John W. Chickering, of Portland, 1842—49; Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Winterport, 1850—1; Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, 1852—54; Dea. Samuel Sweetser, of North Yarmouth, 1855—59; Dea. James Allen, of Bangor, 1860—2; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelright, of Bangor, from 1863.

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**RECEIVERS AND REPORTERS IN MAINE.**

*Aroostook Conference*—Rev. Edward P. Eastman, Fort Fairfield. *Cumberland*—Rev. E. E. Bacon, Sacarrappa. *Cumberland North*—Rev. F. W. Sanborn, Yarmouth. *Franklin*—E. P. Packard, Wilton. *Hancock*—Charles L. Skinner, Bucksport. *Kennebec*—Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. J. E. Pond, Warren. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, Bethel. *Penobscot*—Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor. *Piscataquis*—Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson. *Somerset*—A. R. Bixby, Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. J. S. Richards, Waterford. *Waldo*—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. *Washington*—Rev. Geo. E. Chapin, Princeton. *York*—Rev. Wm. S. Thompson, Acton.

**RETURNS OF THE CHURCHES.**

The return of the churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following*.  Begin in April to gather the material.

The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. Write to any church after the first week in May has past, that may not have reported, and repeat if necessary, until answer is received.

(See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

The CONSTITUTION and RULES of the General Conference, in Minutes 1880, pp. 148, 149. Constitution also in 1881, p. 188.

**NOTICE.**—The copy of the Minutes of the General Conference, and Report of the Maine Missionary Society, directed to each church, to be placed with the records of the church, for preservation and reference.

Extra copies of the Minutes and Report will be furnished for thirty cents. Orders may be sent to E. F. Duren, Chairman of the Publishing Committee, 201 Hammond St., Bangor, Me.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 30, 1882.

State Fast. April 19, 1883.

**Resignations additional to Page 109.**

Henry T. Arnold.....	Wells, First ch.....	1883, May,	Page 104
George S. Dickerman.....	Lewiston, Pine St. ch...	1883, June,	" 74
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For the engraving of City Hall, Portland, p. 71, thanks are due to A. G. Dewey and Loring, Short and Harmon, Portland; of the church edifice in Lyman, p. 105, to Mr. N. M. Lowe, of Boston; and of the church edifice, p. 156, to the American Congregational Union.

**Changes in the Faculty of Hallowell Classical School, p. 158.**

Professor LAWRENCE ROLFE, A. M., *Principal*,—Latin, Greek, Mental, and Moral Science.

Miss MARY E. WILDER, *Principal of Ladies' Department*,—German, Greek, Latin and English Literature.

CHARLES A. BACON, A. B., Mathematics and Natural Science.

———\* French, and Higher English studies.

Miss GARDINER and Miss ALLEN, Music, Drawing and Painting, as on p. 158.

\*To be appointed immediately,—now filled temporarily.

SEVENTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, AT FARMINGTON,

JUNE 20, 1882.

## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

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### AUDITORS :

Dea. W. S. Dennett.

B. B. Thatcher, Esq.



# THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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*acted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Daniel Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associating members of the Maine Missionary Society, a Society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the Gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, buy, sell, lease, convey, and use the same in promoting their personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, including grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, donations, and conveyances made by said Society are hereby confirmed and made valid.

3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first annual meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland, in said State, three weeks before the said meeting.

4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved Jan. 27, 1871.]

## C O N S T I T U T I O N .

*As revised and adopted June 23, 1872.*

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society; and a payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, besides the President and Vice-President, who shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Board. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society, as follows: the President, Vice-President and Auditors, for a term of three years; the Secretary and Treasurer for a term of one year; the fifteen elective Trustees in three ranks of five each, to hold office respectively for three years, two years, and one year from the next election, (1882,) and thereafter five shall be chosen annually, to hold office for three years, one of whom, at least, shall be a person who has not served on the Board the previous year. When an office becomes vacant by resignation or death, the place shall be filled by an election for the unexpired term. Seven of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of

Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, shall present annually a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements, and shall report annually the amount of permanent fund of the Society, and how invested. He shall also furnish sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a full and correct statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the third Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annual and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to cooperate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary, with the Treasurer, shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed, when advised by the Trustees.

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AID.

The Congregational Church in ———, hereby applies to the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, for aid for the year ending June 1, 188—, and gives the following answers to the proposed questions:

1. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all resident members of the church, as found on last town valuation?
2. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all members of the Society except the members of the church?
3. What is the name of the minister for whom a commission is desired?
4. Are his services sought for the whole, or a part of the time?
5. What amount of salary do you propose to pay him?
6. Does your Society own a parsonage? If so, what rent is charged? Is it reckoned in amount of salary?
7. How much fund, or other property, has the society? What is the annual income?
8. What proportion of the salary is pledged by the people?
9. Is aid expected from any other source than this Society? How much?
10. What is the least amount of aid needed from this Society for the year ending June 1, 188 ?

NOTICE.—A certificate of the minister that previous pledges by the people for his support have been redeemed, is required.

It is expected of churches, that they will pay for the support of preaching at least *one per cent.* on their *taxable property* before asking aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

A special rule adopted by the Trustees, requires that each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society make, while the assistance is granted, an *annual contribution*.

This application should be made by a committee of the church, and duly signed. It will save expense and delay to answer every particular. Do not mark anyone "*as heretofore*," &c. It does not answer a question.

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### FORM OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PASTORS OF AIDED CHURCHES.

DEAR BROTHER:—

It is desired that those who are commissioned to perform ministerial service for the churches aided by the Maine Missionary Society, present to the Secretary of the Society reports for the quarters

ng Aug. 31, Nov. 30, and Feb. 28, and that the reports be sent in aptly at these dates. May 7, an annual report will be due.

nd in order that the Trustees and the Secretary may be furnished such information as they need for the proper discharge of their es. it is requested that these reports be made by filling the following a :

*he Secretary of Maine Missionary Society :*

lease receive herewith my report of labor at ———, for the quarter ing——, 188—, and send an order to the Treasurer for so much as ue me from the Society at this date.

(Signed)—————

#### QUESTIONS.

How many weeks of missionary labor are embraced in this report?

How many pastoral visits have been made?

Has a weekly prayer meeting been maintained?

What has been the average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting?

In how many neighborhoods have religious meetings been held?

For what charitable objects have offerings been made; and how much has been given for each?

Has a monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world been observed?

How many have attended the Sabbath School?

What else has occurred worthy of notice, relating to such matters —the attendance at meetings,—the religious visitation of families,—distribution of religious reading,—temperance,—cases of religious rest,—conversions,—additions by profession,—discipline,—efforts benefit those who do not attend public worship,—obstacles, encouragements?

NOTE.—Attention is called to the following rule, adopted by the Trustees at annual meeting, 1867: Each church assisted by the Maine Missionary ety. will be required to make, while this assistance is continued, an annual tribution to its funds. Also notice this standing rule.

he Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Society quar- , shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those who report annually, shall be entitled to semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to ren- in annual report on or before the first of June, shall be considered as hav-  *forfeited their claim to their last quarterly payment, unless a sufficient excuse ordered.*

## FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

*Annual Report of the Church and Society in ——— made to the Maine Missionary Society, for the year ending May 7, 188 .*

1. The number of church members is, male—; female,—; total—.
2. The additions to the church during the year ending May 7, are, by profession—, letter—; total—.
3. The number of hopeful conversions, is—
4. The number of families ordinarily represented in the congregation, is—
5. The average number of the Sabbath congregation, is—
6. The number attending week-day prayer meeting, is—
7. The number in the Sabbath-school, as pupils, young and old, is—
8. The amount of contributions to the Maine Missionary Society is \$—
9. The amount contributed to all other religious charities, is \$—
10. The cash salary of the minister, is—
11. Has he use of parsonage? If so, at what estimated rent?
12. Is the salary punctually paid?
13. The amount of permanent fund, if any, is—

NOTE.—Make a careful statement of all the above facts, and return promptly; and upon this report the usual order for payment will be drawn.

## NOTICES.

Any correspondence relating to the general interest of the Society, may be directed to Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, P. O. Box 464, Bangor, Me.

Remittances of money, and communications relating to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to John L. Crosby, Esq., Treasurer, P. O. Box, 1528, Bangor, Me.

Aid Societies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, should forward their collections to Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, Treasurer, Bangor, Me.

Application for aid should be made by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. It is very desirable that the ministerial year should correspond with the year of the Missionary Society, which is June 1st, so that all applications for renewal of aid may be ready for the action of the Trustees at their annual meeting, held on the third Wednesday of June, each year.

Committees of churches are requested to report every particular mentioned in the form of application, as failure to answer any one of the particulars may cause inconvenience, expense and delay. Do not put against any number,—“Nothing different from past year,” etc. State essential facts positively.

The Trustees will not be expected to continue aid where pecuniary abilities to the pastor are not promptly discharged. It is suggested that weekly or monthly collections at a regular Sabbath service, of the previously pledged subscriptions for the support of preaching, will insure the best results for all concerned.

No church should fail of a generous contribution to the Maine Missionary Society in any year.

Let annual reports be not mere statistics, but a concise review of the year, embracing all important *facts*.

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*Form of a Bequest to the Maine Missionary Society.*

I give to the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Some legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name, or by neglect of making a formal bequest.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the Music Hall, Farmington, at 9 o'clock, A. M., June 20, 1883.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., was in the chair and conducted the devotional exercises. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. Dickinson, of Lowell, Massachusetts. Text: Eccl. 1:16.

The Treasurer, J. L. Crosby, Esq., read his report and the motion to accept and print was passed.

The Secretary presented the report of the Trustees. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. H. L. Griffin, and seconded by Rev. R. B. Howard, and it was voted to accept and print as usual.

Stirring addresses were then made by Rev. H. L. Griffin, Rev. R. B. Howard, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Representative in Congress, Rev. G. L. Dickerman and Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D., general field agent of the American Missionary Association.

Mr. Fred G. Chutter, of Vassalboro, presented the needs of the Adams' Memorial church, and asked aid in building the chapel.

Rev. H. L. Griffin offered a resolution to the effect that the Trustees be instructed to pay \$1,000 from the Treasury to the American Home Missionary Society.

It was voted to change Article 7th of the Constitution so as to read after the words "All receipts and disbursements"—*and shall report annually the amount of the permanent funds of the Society, and how invested.*

A contribution amounting to \$50.42 was taken, when it was voted to proceed to the elections.

The following choices were made, viz :

Rev. J. E. ADAMS, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

JOHN L. CROSBY, Esq., Treasurer.

TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS.

Rev. P. B. THAYER.

Rev. W. H. FENN.

Rev. H. F. HARDING.

Dea. JOS. TITCOMB.

Rev. H. L. GRIFFIN.

The nominating committee, Rev. H. F. Harding, Rev. P. B. Thayer and J. P. Starrett, Esq., reported, and it was voted that the next meeting be held with the 2nd church, Biddeford, on the third Wednesday of June, 1884.

First preacher, Rev. F. T. Bailey, Portland.

Alternate, Rev. Wm. R. Richards, Bath.

Adjourned.

Attest :

J. E. ADAMS,

Recording Secretary.



# WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

Organized at Foxcroft, June 17, 1880.

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## OFFICERS.

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### PRESIDENT.

Mrs. W. E. GOULD, Portland.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Aroostook.	Mrs. B. P. Snow,	Houlton.
Cumberland,	Mrs. C. M. Dow,	Portland.
Cumberland North,	Miss Celia Valentine,	New Gloucester.
Franklin,	Mrs. C. H. Pope,	Farmington.
Hancock,	Mrs. G. G. Powers,	Orland.
Kennebec,	Mrs. E. N. Smith,	Waterville.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc,	Mrs. H. O. Thayer,	Woolwich.
Oxford,	Mrs. G. A. Wilson,	South Paris.
Piscataquis,	Mrs. D. A. Morehouse,	Foxcroft.
Penobscot.	Mrs. A. J. Bates,	Brewer.
Somerset,	Mrs. C. A. Dole,	Norridgewock.
Union,	Mrs. J. P. Hubbard,	Hiram.
Waldo,	Mrs. J. H. Noyes,	Belfast.
Washington,	Mrs. Wm. P. Paine,	Eastport.
York,	Mrs. Geo. Michael,	Alfred.

### TREASURER,

Mrs. ROSE M. CROSBY, Bangor.

### SECRETARY,

Mrs. L. L. PAINE, Bangor.

The object of this Society is to arouse deeper interest among the churches in the work of the Maine Missionary Society, and to collect money for its aid.

## CONSTITUTION FOR STATE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of the officers, to interest all Congregational churches in the State, to form Aid Societies, with a view to raise money for the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 4. All funds collected, shall be given to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Society, as often as once in each year.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and the transaction of other business, in connection with the meeting of the Maine General Conference, in June—the place and hour to be designated by the Secretary.

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## CONSTITUTION FOR CHURCH SOCIETIES.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the [here insert name selected] Aid Society of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen at the annual meeting. One person may act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the collection of money to aid the Maine Missionary Society, and the arousing of deeper interest in the work of that Society.

ART. 4. All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Auxiliary, to be used by her as their constitution directs.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of this Society by the annual payment of —, or the monthly payment of — (The *method* of raising funds to be left to the discretion of the officers of the Society.)

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society submit the following as their seventy-sixth annual report.

Three of the pastors in actual service have been called to their reward within the year. Rev. Isaac H. Libby died in the triumphs of faith at Strong, in February, and after a very brief ministry. Rev. Timothy Lyman died suddenly in March, while laboring at Tremont. Rev. Joseph Freeman, after a long ministry, mostly in Maine, passed gently to his rest in March, at York. An affectionate family, and a beloved people, mourn his loss and will long remember his excellent life.

The reaper has been busy also among those who have been in the service of the society in past years. We record in this list the venerable Rev. L. I. Hoadley, Rev. Joseph Bartlett, Rev. Franklin Davis, Rev. J. C. Hurd, Rev. Royal Parkinson, Rev. Gilbert B. Richardson, Rev. Fred A. Thayer and Mr. Albert H. Pennell, of Bangor Seminary. Again we are reminded that, sooner or later, all earthly service must come to a close. But the reward is sure to the faithful.

The following tables will give an idea of the extent of the work, and its cost to the Society for the year:—

# TABULAR VIEW.

No.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length.	Appropriation.	Months of Labor.	Congregation.	Added Membership.				Families.	Prayer-meeting.	Sunday-school.	Contributions	
								(Conversion.	Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male-Missionary Society.	Other Objects.
1	Abbot .....	G. M. Sanborne .....	July, 1882	3	634	6	65	0	0	0	10	17	27	20	\$ 8 00	\$ 7 00
2	Acton .....	Rev. W. S. Thompson ..	July, 1882	12	150	11	65	0	0	1	18	35	53	32	34 50	19 69
3	Albany .....	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson ..	July, 1882	34	52	34	65	0	0	0	12	31	43	30	16 00	10 00
4	Amherst and Aurora ..	Rev. Wm. Haynes .....	July, 1882	12	200	11	91	0	0	0	13	41	54	54	8 40	6 40
5	Andover .....	Rev. Chas. Dame .....	July, 1882	12	100	11	80	3	0	0	27	47	74	40	15 00	9 00
6	Anson .....	Rev. J. Dinmore .....	July, 1882	6	50	6	70	5	4	1	13	24	37	25	100	8 00
7	Auson, North .....	F. T. McLeod .....	July, 1882	24	40	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	10	8	.....	.....
8	Auburn West .....	C. B. Wathen .....	Oct., 1882	6	60	6	100	0	0	0	37	60	97	40	20 00	.....
9	and Minot West .....	Rev. J. S. Batchelder ..	July, 1882	12	200	11	60	0	0	0	9	12	21	15	40	.....
10	Bangor East and .....	Rev. J. B. Hawes .....	July, 1882	34	56	34	60	0	0	0	18	20	44	30	8 40	2 75
11	Bangor Essex St. ....	J. C. Aganier .....	Sept., 1882	74	1034	74	30	.....	.....	.....	Branch	.....	25	0	30	.....
12	Bangor West .....	E. H. Hackett .....	July, 1882	3	48	3	50	.....	.....	.....	No ch.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Belfast North .....	E. H. Hackett .....	Sept., 1882	14	20	14	50	1	0	0	5	20	25	40	20 38	.....
14	Bingham .....	D. P. Williams .....	July, 1882	3	50	3	60	0	0	0	17	26	43	40	6	9 00
15	Brooksville and Sedgwick.	Rev. J. L. Edwards .....	Nov., 1882	6	100	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Brownfield .....	Rev. H. B. Hart .....	July, 1882	12	50	11	50	0	0	0	9	17	26	20	5 00	.....
17	Burlington .....	Rev. E. S. Jordan .....	July, 1882	12	100	11	90	0	0	0	15	24	41	30	16 00	.....
18	Cherryfield .....	Rev. S. Chapin .....	Jan., 1883	5	88	5	45	19	10	2	11	34	45	35	10 75	20 00
19	and Steuben .....	Rev. E. M. Cousins .....	July, 1882	12	250	11	85	0	2	0	15	34	49	45	20 15 00	82 00
20	Canaan .....	G. B. Frost .....	July, 1882	14	25	14	150	.....	.....	.....	Branch	.....	.....	45	5 00	.....
21	Cornish .....	Rev. Z. Crowell .....	July, 1882	12	200	11	119	2	4	3	20	41	61	35	21 00	48 51
22	and Uxum .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	12	18 00	34 75





	REV. BIRNELL JOHNSON	May, 1882	3	125	0	0	0	5	39	44	40	15	40	5	00	9	00
20 Denmark.....	Rev. Chas. H. Gates.....	July, 1882	14	53	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Dexter.....	T. W. Minnis.....	July, 1882	11	250	11	70	0	0	16	36	52	50	15	60	9	10	00
22 Dixmont and Plymouth.....	Rev. T. M. Davies.....	July, 1882	3	60	3	100	0	0	4	8	12	15	...	60	4	00	00
and Jackson and Brooks.....	Rev. W. G. Wade.....	July, 1882	3	60	3	100	0	0	0	26	44	70	25	88	7	00	00
23 Durham....	Rev. R. Wickett.....	July, 1882	11	100	11	70	1	0	1	20	31	20	25	40	5	25	4 00
and Pownal.....																	
24 Edgecomb.....	Rev. C. G. Holyoke.....	July, 1882	10	200	10	60	1	0	15	38	53	30	35	70	10	45	20 00
25 Elliot.....	Rev. D. S. Hibbard.....	July, 1882	11	150	11	72	3	5	0	14	42	56	45	25	33	50	25 95
26 Farmington Falls.....	Rev. J. L. Hill.....	Sept., 1882	9	75	9	75	0	0	8	30	38	35	30	80	14	69	00
27 Fort Fairfield.....	Rev. E. P. Eastman.....	July, 1882	11	100	11	90	0	0	22	21	43	50	40	125	28	00	46 00
28 Freedom.....	W. S. Jerome.....	July, 1882	2	32	2	50	1	0	9	25	34	30	...	24	...	...	...
	E. C. Wilder.....	Sept., 1882	4	484	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29 Garland.....	Rev. P. B. Thayer.....	July, 1882	12	100	11	75	0	2	35	63	98	55	15	115	27	00	46 00
30 Gilead.....	Rev. T. P. Williams.....	July, 1882	12	100	11	90	0	2	1	8	27	35	25	40	14	50	5 00
31 Gardiner South.....	Rev. F. Newport.....	July, 1882	12	200	11	55	0	10	3	5	8	13	35	5	50	7	25
32 Gray.....	Rev. Eben Bean.....	July, 1882	12	125	11	108	1	0	0	23	37	60	55	7	70	30	00
33 Great Works.....	J. P. Gerritor.....	July, 1882	34	104	34	...	...	...	No	ch.	...	17	10	25	15	50	...
	R. C. Drisko.....	Oct., 1882	5	474	5	40	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34 Harrison.....	Rev. N. Lincoln.....	July, 1882	12	100	11	60	0	0	16	24	40	24	20	60	4	37	15 75
35 Holden.....	J. D. Smiley.....	July, 1882	12	50	11	80	10	5	1	23	46	69	30	60	6	00	4 46
and Dedham.....						...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0	15	23	38	...
36 Houlton.....	Rev. B. P. Snow.....	July, 1882	12	500	11	90	0	0	16	30	46	50	15	140	15	00	22 37
37 Jonesboro.....	J. C. Aganier.....	July, 1882	3	94	3	...	...	...	7	8	15	...	...	30	...	...	...
38 Kittery.....	Rev. W. W. Dow.....	July, 1882	12	150	11	55	1	0	5	19	24	32	10	30	8	00	12 00
39 Ligon.....	W. C. Jones.....	July, 1882	34	102	34	...	...	...	23	35	58	...	...	...	5	00	...
40 Limington.....	Rev. E. T. Pitts.....	July, 1882	12	125	21	125	50	20	1	49	93	142	35	60	108	38	74
and Baldwin.....						50	1	0	0	9	27	36	15	...	4	50	4 00
41 Lincoln.....	Rev. H. H. Acerlian.....	Sept., 1882	43	51	43	100	2	0	7	18	25	40	8	50	2	00	...
42 Litchfield.....	Rev. J. T. Hawes.....	July, 1882	12	150	11	65	0	0	22	35	57	32	12	67	16	00	41 00
43 Lovell.....	Rev. L. Goodrich.....	July, 1882	12	100	11	150	1	1	1	41	82	123	56	20	125	19	00
and Sweden.....						45	0	0	0	11	19	30	20	12	30	10	24
44 Lyman.....	Rev. G. F. Tewksbury.....	July, 1882	12	50	11	75	2	0	2	26	52	78	40	10	65	18	58
45 Machiasport, and Marshfield, and Whitneyville.....	Rev. R. H. McGown.....	July, 1882	12	200	3	100	4	0	0	37	57	74	25	...	60	35	47
						75	...	...	13	26	39	25	...	65	...	...	...
						50	...	...	10	17	27	25	...	50	18	40	...
46 Madison.....	Rev. T. G. Mitchell.....	July, 1882	12	125	11	90	0	0	1	31	39	70	30	...	75	...	14 00

TABULAR VIEW, Continued.

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									Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.				Total.	Maine Missionary Society.
47	Madison East.	Rev. O. J. Hancock	July, 1882	12	50	11	75	1	0	0	5	9	14	20	40	.....	.....
48	Mechanic Falls.	Rev. C. A. White.	Mar., 1883	3	75	3	75	0	0	0	9	36	45	60	20	71	14 10
49	Mercer.	E. C. Wilder	July, 1882	6	50	6	75	0	0	0	7	22	29	36	55	8 00	.....
50	Milford	Rev. H. A. Freeman	July, 1882	12	150	11	50	5	.....	.....	No ch.	.....	30	25	30	2 60	.....
51	Millbridge	Rev. E. L. Walbridge	July, 1882	12	100	11	200	4	.....	.....	No ch.	.....	80	.....	95	5 00	.....
52	Monmouth	J. B. Carruthers	July, 1882	12	100	11	80	0	0	0	21	43	64	31	15	60	20 00
53	Monson	Rev. W. G. Mann.	July, 1882	12	150	11	97	1	3	38	51	89	59	39	105	10 00	19 00
54	Newfield West.	Rev. A. Redlon.	July, 1882	12	200	11	75	1	0	3	13	27	40	38	18	61	20 00
55	Northfield.	J. A. Thomas	July, 1882	34	56	34	40	0	0	0	9	18	27	.....	14	16	.....
56	Patzen and Island Falls.	G. W. Stearns	July, 1882	12	300	11	50	3	0	0	14	23	37	30	35	76	18 00
57	Phillips	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright.	July, 1882	12	250	11	80	1	0	3	10	16	26	2	15	.....	4 0
58	Pittston	Rev. H. H. Acterian	July, 1882	24	40	24	30	0	0	0	7	21	28	9	16	30	4 08
59	Portland, 4th ch.	W. C. Jones.	Oct., 1882	34	35	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
60	Princeton and Waite.	Rev. J. G. Wilson	July, 1882	12	200	11	100	2	3	1	3	11	14	40	18	75	7 00
61	Robbinston.	Rev. G. E. Chapin.	July, 1882	12	200	11	100	6	5	2	7	27	34	62	25	100	42 00
62	Rumford	Rev. D. E. Smith.	July, 1882	6	100	6	90	0	0	0	21	50	71	60	40	50	15 00
63	Sanford	E. W. Greene	May, 1882	34	20	34	90	.....	.....	.....	Branch	.....	40	18	50	.....	.....
64	Sherman	Rev. J. A. Jones	July, 1882	34	56	34	75	0	3	0	7	20	27	.....	10	40	11 75
65	Solon	Rev. H. J. Stone	July, 1882	12	100	11	50	0	0	0	14	27	41	20	6	7	5 00
66	Sonerville	Rev. I. C. Bumpus.	July, 1882	12	300	11	90	1	1	1	40	73	113	35	20	80	7 00
67	Silver Ridge	Rev. R. M. Peacock	July, 1882	12	150	11	50	1	1	0	13	20	33	40	18	35	18 50
68	Sonerville	Rev. A. N. Jones	July, 1882	12	200	6	120	0	0	0	17	21	28	48	.....	110	20 00
69	Tremont.	Rev. T. Lyman.	Jan., 1883	.....	.....	3	.....	0	0	0	12	53	65	100	.....	110	13 00



68	Stafford	Rev. R. S. Whitten	July	1882	12	130	11	100	15	12	1	24	43	67	25	22	42	10 00	.....	
69	Stockton	Rev. D. W. Hardy	July	1882	12	100	11	65	1	1	1	1	24	43	67	25	22	42	10 00	.....
70	Stow and Chatham	Rev. H. Farrar	July	1882	12	75	11	40	0	2	0	1	25	39	22	6	25	.....	3 00	
70	Strong	Rev. I. H. Libby	July	1882	12	150	9	80	1	1	4	31	49	80	35	....	75	10 00	.....	
71	Turner	B. S. Rideout	Apr.	1883	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
72	Union	Rev. R. H. McGown	Nov.	1882	7	87½	7	60	0	2	0	40	47	87	25	14	77	12 00	.....	
72	Union	Rev. F. V. Norcross	July	1882	12	200	11	115	3	1	1	18	59	77	80	45	110	9 00	18 50	
73	Vassalboro, Riverside, and Adams' Memorial	F. G. Chutter	July	1882	12	125	11	.....	0	0	2	4	9	13	40	20	30	2 00	.....	
74	Wilton	Rev. A. G. Fitz	July	1882	12	50	.....	100	40	15	13	9	19	28	.....	30	55	.....	.....	
74	Wilton	Rev. A. G. Fitz	July	1882	12	225	11	75	2	0	0	29	57	86	42	15	60	56 87	53 81	
75	Woolwich and Temple	Rev. H. O. Thayer	July	1882	12	100	11	120	0	0	1	23	72	95	63	12	105	20 36	8 74	
76	York, Second	Rev. Jos. Freeman	July	1882	12	150	9	60	0	0	0	9	3	42	37	....	40	11 25	13 00	
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## NOTES.

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1. **ABBOT.** It is expected that Abbot will be supplied by the pastor of Monson next year.

3. **ALBANY.** This little church among the hills succeeds in having preaching nearly half the time. At the present Mr. Patrick from New Haven is supplying.

5. **ANDOVER.** As there is a general wish among the people that Rev. Chas. Dame remain another year, he will probably do so.

6. **ANSON.** Rev. John Dinsmore is supplying North Anson in connection with South Anson. Preparations are being made to build a chapel, and the people hope to worship in their own home before long.

8. **AUBURN WEST.** The people are united in their present pastor, and they are anxious to retain his services. The parish is weakened by the removal of active business citizens.

11. **NORTH BELFAST.** This is an important field in the respect that there is a large community within a radius of a mile from the church. "Whenever an effort is made to have preaching, a good audience is found and the attention is all that could be desired. There is talk of repairing the meeting-house. Mr. Sanborne was well received, especially at Poor's Mills, where there is a religious association, but no church organization.

12. **BINGHAM.** The church is fortunate in having a pastor. Rev. G. L. Edwards comes from Connecticut, and is laboring faithfully.

14. **BROWNFIELD.** All moves along in the usual way. At some future time a union will be effected with Denmark.

15. **BURLINGTON.** Early in the year a beautiful and convenient chapel was dedicated, free from debt. Credit is due the women of the church for their perseverance in securing its completion. In July Rev. R. S.

nderwood visited the place, and there was an interesting revival, from the fruits of which nineteen were gathered into the church. Rev. S. W. Chapin has supplied since January and he is asked to continue.

16. **CHERRYFIELD AND STEUBEN** Much to the regret of all, Mr. Cousins has accepted a call to West Portland and will go there very soon. Good progress has been made here. A very commodious chapel near completion, and it will be ready for the next pastor. The Branch Steuben is a vigorous band of women, and they deserve help and access. We hope the right man will come to occupy the field very soon.

17. **CANAAN.** Mr. Frost of Andover Seminary became interested in this community last Summer, and he drew the people towards him. Mr. A. B. Show, of Hartford, is upon the ground for the vacation months. Here is a beautiful village with a Union meeting-house, and an intelligent and pleasant people. They should be as one and have the constant means of grace.

18. **CORNISH AND HIRAM.** The pastorate of Mr. Crowell is a success, as we felt sure it would be. The report says: "The church in Cornish has made encouraging progress during the year. The meeting house has been put in thorough repair, benevolent contributions have increased more than one hundred per cent., and the home expenditures in like ratio. While thankful for past aid from the M. M. Society, they have decided to pay their own expenses in the future. A mission Sunday School is carried on by some of the members with an average attendance of more than thirty scholars. Weekly prayer meetings are also sustained in destitute neighborhoods. A children's mission circle, and an auxiliary to the W. B. M., have been organized, and are in successful operation." Hiram is pressing well upon the advance of Cornish. Such a report gives us cheer.

19. **DEER ISLE, 2nd.** This is a small but deserving offshoot of the 1st church. It has been supplied by students, and of late by Rev. Hiram Houston, who has now gone from the town. The Rev. C. H. Gates is at the 1st church, and will now supply the 2nd church one half day or half the time. We look for good news from his ministry there.

20. **DENMARK.** This is a small church but worthy of sympathy and help. The time may come when it can be united with Brownfield, but Mr. Jordan's strength is not sufficient for the double labor at the present.

21. **DEXTER.** Mr. Davis has closed his labors here. This little band is struggling along. Besides the minister's salary, they have paid \$84 interest on the debt, and reduced the debt \$145, bringing it now to \$1,300.

23. **DURIAM and POWNAL** is still successfully carried by their respected and earnest pastor, Wickett.

25. **ELLIOT.** The pastor reports, "We are still having more interest than formerly, and although not many have taken any stand as Christians, our meetings, more especially the social ones, rather increase, as also I think does the felt presence of the Spirit."

26. **FARMINGTON FALLS.** Since Mr. Rotch left the field last July, Rev. J. L. Hill has come to fill his place, and now the people are well united in him.

27. **FORT FAIRFIELD.** This thriving and promising northern town has been unfortunate again in a late destructive fire. But so far from being checked by it, they move on as usual. The waste will soon be made good. Mr. Eastman has been engaged for another year.

29. **GARLAND.** Pastor Thayer now marks the thirty-fifth year of his service in this his only ministerial home. He is better liked than ever, the people say. This is a little nursery for Congregationalism in the best sense of that term.

30. **GILEAD.** The church is somewhat discouraged that their pastor has closed his labors with them and has left them. Needed rest seemed to make it imperative that he should take this step. The people are anxious to find a pastor very soon.

31. **SOUTH GARDINER.** A church has been organized here during the year, and all seem pleased that they can have the regular means of grace. Mr. Newport was ordained as pastor at the formation of the church.

32. **GRAY.** The meeting house has been repaired and a new carpet has been bought, at a cost of \$400.

33. **GREATWORKS** has been carried as a mission for the year, and a good interest has been manifest. New manufacturing interests promise growth and call for prompt attention in religious matters. We had engaged a man for vacation work, but another offered a free gospel, and we were asked to withdraw, though our doctrine is the same.

. HARRISON. Rev. N. Lincoln still holds the fort, and all goes smoothly.

. HOLDEN AND DEDHAM. Mr. Smiley of Bangor Seminary has labored the most of the time for the year, and has been blessed in his labors. Six united with the church, and as many more will probably do soon. Mr. S. goes to West Brooksville.

HOULTON. Things look promising for this church. They have a pleasant meeting-house in the heart of the growing village. In the moral view, they need two things now, *vestry rooms and a parsonage*.

Dr. Cobb is wanted in the Aroostook, at least his parsonage fund. The pastor says, "Taking all things into account, we are certainly no worse off than a year ago. Everything appears to go on smoothly. The letter B people were greatly pleased with the generous donation of \$100 from the Gorham School. I greatly wish we could put their place of meeting in comfortable shape before Fall. There must be a church at point before many years."

. JONESBORO. A church of sixteen members was gathered here in September last. It promises to be a nucleus for future growth if the soil can be well cultivated. It is now supplied in connection with Whitfield and Marshfield.

KITTERY. This ancient church is now under the pastoral care of Rev. W. W. Dow.

. LIGONIA. This Welsh church has been supplied from Bangor Seminary, by Mr. Jones and Mr. Evans, of their own people.

. LIMINGTON. The pastor and church in this place were able to close last winter in a most interesting revival, in the progress of which conversions were recorded, twenty-nine of whom came into the church on profession of faith. Mr. Pitts supplies Baldwin also, and there is a glowing interest manifest.

. LINCOLN. This place is supplied half the time from the Seminary at Bangor. During the last year Rev. H. H. Acterian has interested the people, and there has been some gain.

LITCHFIELD. The venerable and yet vigorous pastor does not grow old by the way, but is pursuing still. His people call for a continuance of his services.

43. **LOVELL AND SWEDEN.** By hard work the pastor goes the round of this large field, and gives the people the advantage of regular services. He speaks of discouragement from the fact that his work cannot be concentrated to any one point. Aged workers are dying, and younger ones are moving away. This is true also of many scattered parishes.

44. **LYMAN.** During the year the meeting-house has been thoroughly repaired and re-dedicated, and all seem to be united and hopeful. Death has removed some of the reliable members.

45. **MACHIASPORT, &C.** Mr. McGown has left his pastorate here and the churches are supplied by students from Yale Seminary.

46. **MADISON.** The pastor speaks of a new organ for the church, and says, "Our village is yet increasing in the number of its homes, and in population, but the people coming here seem not disposed to attend meeting in any proportion to the number. Largely the Sabbath is to them a holiday."

47. **MADISON EAST.** Mr. Hancock has closed his engagement with the church, and other arrangements are sought. A student from Bangor Seminary is with them for the vacation.

48. **MERCER.** Mr. Wilder, of Colby, supplied one-half the time here, and the other half at Freedom.

49. **MILFORD.** "We expect to build a chapel this season, and then organize a church. A sufficient number are ready to take upon themselves the covenant vows as soon as the opportunity offers itself."

50. **MILLBRIDGE.** Mr. Walbridge has continued his labors here, and he has been well sustained, though there has been no church organization. He has been deeply afflicted in the loss of his children.

51. **MONMOUTH.** This church has now a resident minister, and matters are promising well. Mr. Carruthers was ordained at the time of the Conference, in June.

52. **MONSON.** Mr. Mann has been ordained, and all promises well.

53. **MECHANIC FALLS.** Rev. C. A. White has engaged with the people here for a year, and all promises well for the church. Poland is still supplied from here, while Oxford is left to care for itself.

4. **NEWFIELD WEST.** Rev. A. Redlon has supplied for the year, and is engaged for the next year. He will preach at Parsonsfield also a part of the time.
5. **NORTHFIELD.** This point was well carried by Mr. Thomas, of Andover Seminary, and he returns this year.
6. **PATTEN AND ISLAND FALLS.** Faithful work has been done on this circuit, and good results have followed. Mr. Stearns reports, the church in Island Falls has lately been helped and made glad. Beginning with the week of prayer and in the succeeding meetings, nearly a score have confessed their desire to serve the Saviour. These new christians are mostly young, and are nearly all in the Sunday school. No extra meetings, excepting the week of prayer—no eloquent stranger—just a greater faithfulness in the regular lines of christian effort—were the instrumentalities used.”  
 “In Patten the outlook is quite cheerful. The christians of the town love one another more, and there seems much reason to hope for a great gain to the great cause if we only will work faithfully together with persistence.”
57. **PHILLIPS.** The supply here has been continued for another year, and on the whole, all is as hopeful as a year ago.
59. **PORTLAND 4th.** Mr. Wilson is doing an important work for the people worshipping with this church, and he should be encouraged in it.
60. **PRINCETON.** Good work has been done here. Six have been hopelessly converted, and seven have been added to the church. The pastor has done all he could to supply Waite.
61. **ROBBINSON AND RED BEACH.** There has been little preaching in this field since Mr. Smith left it in January. A student from Hartford Seminary will labor at Robbinston for the summer.
62. **RUMFORD.** Mr. Jones who supplied here last summer will remain for three months this season.
63. **SANFORD.** The South church has not joined with the centre church in support of preaching, and Mr. Stone has supplied at one point only.
64. **SHERMAN.** There seems to be harmony here. The pastor is loved by the people, and he works faithfully for their good. An effort

is being made in connection with their former pastor, who built the parsonage, to pay the debt upon it. It is to be hoped that they may succeed. We know the people have done all they can, and also that it would be a great disappointment should this effort fail.

65. **OLON.** Mr. Peacock closed his labors in May. It is uncertain what arrangement will be made for the future.

66. **SOMESVILLE AND TREMONT.** Mr. Jones was obliged to give up his work here because of failing health. Rev. Timothy Lyman took the Tremont church in January and labored faithfully for nearly three months, when he was suddenly removed by death. It is expected that the churches will be supplied soon.

67. **STANDISH.** Mr. Whidden began to labor here last June. Generally he has the confidence of the people, and his labors have been blessed. He reports "fifteen conversions and thirteen additions during the year; church in a prosperous condition; meetings well attended; prayer-meetings better than the average; Sunday school doing well; \$100 put upon the meeting-house, and more to be done next summer."

68. **SANDY POINT.** The people are still united in their pastor. In connection with Searsport, 2nd church, this is an interesting field.

70. **STRONG.** Mr. Libby took up the work here the first of July, 1882. All seemed to be united and interested in him. But his health failed and in February he passed joyously to his reward. He leaves a widowed mother who has been called to mourn her husband and all her children, this the last.

Mr. B. S. Rideout has taken the field, and is engaged for a year.

71. **TURNER.** Mr. McGown came to this place from Machiasport, and he is carrying the work well. He says, "I can see no apparent results from my efforts, but trust some good seed is being sown, and that some day it will spring up and bear fruit for God."

72. **UNION.** Here is another pastor who has put all his ministry into one place. For almost twenty-three years he has ministered to one people, and they do not weary of him. He reports four additions. The house of worship has been repainted throughout. Mr. Norcross has supplied Washington a part of the time.

73. **VASSALBORO.** Mr. Chutter was commissioned to Riverside for a year, from July, 1882. After a time he was invited to preach at Getch



ell's Corner. There grew out of this the formation of a Sunday School, and an arrangement for preaching half the time for one year. At New Year's time, in connection with the preaching and the week of prayer, a revival began, and the meetings continued 37 days, resulting in 40 conversions. A church of twenty-eight members has been formed, and the people are now building a neat and commodious chapel, the church and chapel to be known as the "Adams' Memorial," in honor of Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., who gave direction to some of the older minds there years ago, and whose memory is respected. This earnest little band is worthy of help in the building of the chapel.

74. WILTON AND TEMPLE. These places are still carried by Mr. Fitz, and the arrangement at present seems to be satisfactory. The pastor says of Wilton, "Our young people leave town as soon as they can take care of themselves, and thus we have little chance to grow. Our Sabbath services are well attended. Our Sunday School has maintained a good interest. We now feel the loss of Dea. Bass, as we are collecting our annual donation for the Missionary Society."

75. WOOLWICH. Here, also, is a sixteen years' connection with the missionary church, and the total result has been most excellent. Our churches do not die under such ministrations.

76. YORK, 2ND. Mr. Freeman went on with his work here very much as usual, until after the new year, when he began to falter, till in March he gently passed away. His family and his beloved people mourn his loss, while they feel that he has great gain.

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#### SUMMARY.

Eighty-six churches have been aided during the year. Six other churches have been supplied by the pastors thus aided. Sixteen stations have been occupied, five all the time, two of which will build soon, and promise permanent organization at no distant day. Four churches have been organized as the fruit of past labors.

Eighty-three men have been employed during the eleven months reckoned as the current year. Sixty-four are ordained, nine of whom are pastors, and forty-nine of whom are acting pastors, and six of whom served as general missionaries, or for a short supply. Nineteen are young men, four of whom served constantly, doing the pastor's work, and fifteen of whom gave vacation supply. Three have been ordained during

the year. The aggregate of labor performed by these men is fifty-six;

The average attendance upon Sabbath services is returned as 6 at the Sunday school as 4,902, and at the weekly prayer meeting 1,313. The churches have a membership of 1,343 males, and females, giving a total of 4,101. The conversions reported are fifty-two more than last year, and the additions are, by profession by letter 64, total 210, fifty more than last year. The average gross churches having constant supply is \$140 and the average salary is

The contributions, so far as obtained, are, for the Maine Missionary Society, \$1,127.66, and for other objects \$858.63. One house of ship has been dedicated, and two have been rebuilt and rededicated. other new house is finished outside, and plans are advanced for building of four others soon.

### THE TREASURY.

The clear and encouraging report of the Treasurer leaves little said here.

The receipts from the churches and individuals during the year were	\$8.
The receipts from the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary	1.
Receipts from legacies	3.
Receipts from income of fund	2
Total	\$16

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY CONFERENCES.

	Contributed.	Ex
Aroostook Conference	\$91 00	\$1,
Cumberland Conference	2,131 09	
Cumberland North Conference	1,027 98	
Franklin Conference	245 82	
Hancock Conference	442 81	
Kennebec Conference	563 90	
Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference	1,718 79	
Oxford Conference	115 85	
Penobscot Conference	1,184 96	
Piscataquis Conference	241 88	
Somerset Conference	245 01	
Union Conference	224 36	
Waldo Conference	251 47	
Washington Conference	487 80	
York Conference	836 44	1.
General Conference and two individuals	46 56	
	\$9,856 60	\$10.
Churches and individuals gave	\$8,399 30	
Woman's Auxiliary gave	1,457 . 0	
	\$9,856 60	

No one has been kept waiting a single day for his appropriation

who are friendly to the best interests of Maine should remember society. It has been so closely identified with the progress of the it has aided so well in laying foundations in all the larger towns and cities, and it is so absolutely necessary in sustaining and securing morals in our yet growing and undeveloped communities, it *to be* and it *must be* sustained. And the churches of the time supply the demands of the time. The men of this year must care contributions of this year. If, because of greater destitution or rapid growth, a larger amount is needed next year, those living near must supply the demand. The life of the church is in its fruiting, and this is proportionate to the labor bestowed by the church. Ask the churches to be watchful of their contributions. No matter what individuals may do in larger giving, do not suffer the smaller regular gifts to cease.

## MISSIONARY BOXES.

Woman's Auxiliary had the care of all missionary boxes, as last year. The list as given by Mrs Gould, President of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, is as follows :

Street, Portland,	1 box,	valued.....	\$182 00
" "	1 "	" .....	163 00
" "	1 "	" .....	131 00
Street, "	1 " for the West,	" .....	200 00
Second Street, Bangor,	1 "	" .....	100 00
Street, Bath,	1 "	" .....	50 00
Ladies' Circle, Bath,	1 "	" .....	11 08
" "	1 "	" .....	50 00
Berwick,	1 "	" .....	50 00
Total.....			\$857 08

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

1882, balance on hand.....	\$20 69
1883, received from Bath Central.....	20 00
" " " Gorham .....	19 18
" " " Portland, Mrs. Thurston's class, St. Lawrence St.	3 50
1883, Bath Central.....	22 00
1883, Orono.....	2 26
1883, Bangor Hammond Street.....	10 00
Total .....	\$97 91
Contributed in papers, books and lesson helps.....	\$77 36
Balance on hand.....	\$20 55

## NEW CHURCHES.

For many years there was a Congregational church at Jonesboro, but its name disappeared from the Conference Minutes in 1872. A former member of the church, now a resident of Massachusetts, manifested much interest for the place, and, through his liberality, a supply was sent there. A council called in September, 1882, to consider the propriety of organizing a church, found matters so well arranged that a church of sixteen members was formed and received into fellowship. It secures a reliable organization in the place, where all seemed to be without order or purpose.

January 30th, a council recognized a new church at South Gardiner, and ordained as pastor, Rev. Fred Newport. Members from several sister evangelical churches united in this body, that there might be harmony in action, and the constant means of grace for the community. The church numbers only thirteen, yet all is promising well for the future. South Gardiner is a lively and thriving manufacturing community.

March 28th, a council organized a church at Vassalboro, on the ground where father Thomas Adams, of sainted memory, had labored faithfully in past years. Twenty-eight members were received, and no one seeing who they were, and how much their hearts were set upon the movement, could doubt their right to be. Since this they have planned for a chapel, and before autumn, it will be dedicated. Very appropriately the church and chapel will be known as "the Adams Memorial." Mr. Chutter, their acting-pastor, has shown himself to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

For some time it has been urged that a Congregational church should be formed at Bar Harbor, the noted summer resort of Mt Desert. No haste has been made in acting upon the suggestion. But during the presence of Rev. A. J. McGown since November last, the matter has taken shape, and a good degree of enthusiasm has been manifested. A council met May 19th, and on the 20th, it recognized the Bar Harbor church with thirteen members. At the present they have the Union meeting-house for their place of worship. There can be but one opinion as to the necessity for all the privileges afforded for worship during the visiting season. It is true also that fifteen or sixteen hundred residents need all the privileges afforded for the balance of the year.

Thus four churches have been added to the sisterhood, and sixty-nine members to the grand total, and three good fields, at least, are opened for permanent pastors. And the men who have been largely instrumental in securing the churches are likely to have the work of their hands established upon them. The question arises with some whether it is good home missionary policy to create these *little* churches which must necessarily be cherished by the *stronger* for years to come. Really there is wrapped in this doubt the query whether Congregationalism should seek to enlarge her borders in Maine. Must she admit that she has no power for growth, that she has no right to a church unless at the start there be sufficient to insure self-support?

Do we forget that almost every self-supporting church since 1807 has been a missionary church, and that some of them were much more feeble than most of those founded the past year?

Such places invite and often urge the Society to send the minister, and give them a trial. Besides, from all directions, we are pressed by friends to advance, to push for progress, to occupy new points and work them vigorously, to put men all along the line. Now when these points are taken, and the people are interested, and they declare themselves to be of us, and ask to be organized into churches, shall we hesitate because there may be present other churches which cannot and do not hold the whole people, or because, forsooth, the new church will need missionary aid for some time to come? Other denominations expect us to push our own work, nor will they respect us any the more for being timid, and for yielding evident rights! They ask no favors, but such as genuine Christian courtesy will prompt and grant, and they expect that we will hold any advantage gained. All else must rest upon the principle, which is more and more respected of late, "the survival of the fittest," and the fittest ought to survive, no matter by what name it may be known.

Permit us to ask the constituents of this Society, what shall be the policy for the future? Shall we simply keep alive the churches now existing, or shall we press on, and keep pace with the growth of our large State, and keep up with the most ardent of our noble sisters holding the evangelical faith? If we are but true to our trust, and faithful our exertions, "there is more to follow."

## DIVINE HELP NEEDED.

But we need more than this *esprit de corps*. The motive must be higher than merely to lengthen and strengthen our denominational cords and stakes, in the outward and apparent sense. Why do we do all this?—to make a fair show openly,—to report enlargements,—to propagate an intellectual faith or a speculative belief? This may be done vigorously, and with an earnestness that will deceive ourselves, causing us to feel that we are doing God service. But, alas, we shall be brought to mourn the spiritual desolation of our Zion, and shall hear the watchman cry “And can these dry bones live?” We need help from on high. We must have the presence of the Holy Spirit. The salvation of men, and bringing the saved into a higher spiritual life, must be the primary motives to action.

There are a few bright spots in the record of the last year. Seven churches return one hundred and fifty-nine conversions. The other seventy-nine return but sixty-eight. Thirty-two report neither conversions nor additions by profession, for the year. In view of this sad state of things, one pastor says, “There is lack somewhere. It is not in God. It must be in the church, or in the minister, or in both. So I, and we, may well be ashamed. May the Lord have mercy on us.” Another says, “I asked the Lord for fifty conversions this year. But we have just held our own in numbers, having lost four by death, and received four to membership.”

Evidently there is needed such divine assistance, such a baptism of the Spirit brought upon pastors and churches, as will secure consecration, holy living, consistent example, and persistent labor. This will attract attention, and lead men from absorbing worldly pursuits, and profits, and pleasures, to a reasonable attention to spiritual things. God grant the full measure of his Spirit for the coming year.

## GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.

The committee appointed to care for this department can now report. The Rev. Jas. H. Ross, with his excellent wife, was already in the field in the Magalloway region, and no better work was done for the year. Armed with the word of God, with reading matter, religious and secular, with singing books and organ, they went from house to house, and from district to district, in a manner that will long be remem-

ered by the grateful and interested people. Why may we not improve upon the grand old single-handed work of Father Jotham Sewall, by sending them out two and two, husband and wife?

Rev. Rufus S. Underwood, an evangelist well known in the western part of Maine, was sent to Burlington in July, just after the dedication of the chapel there, and he soon found himself in the midst of a revival. His father followed him for a month, and gathered nineteen into the church.

Mr. G. M. Sanborne, who had supplied at Abbot for the summer months, was put into the field in September, as a general worker, and his first weeks were spent at Burlington. He then went to North Belvidere, where meetings were held every day or evening, for several weeks; much interest was reported, especially at Poor's Mills. After leaving this point he went to Washington County, where he divided his time with the several vacant churches along the shore line; at least these places were supplied with considerable preaching for the time, three months, and some conversions were reported. Mr. Sanborne was called by the M. H. M. Society to labor in Texas, and he is now there.

Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, in late Autumn, undertook a general canvass of several destitute communities in Oxford county, receiving his pay from the Oxford Conference, the American Tract Society and the M. H. M. Society. So important did this work appear, Mr. Hutchinson was retained by the Oxford Conference and the M. M. Society to renew the effort after a rest for the winter. He is now in the field again, preaching where he can, organizing Sunday-schools, and visiting from house to house, thus *carrying* the gospel to those who cannot or will not seek it for themselves.

In November, Rev. A. J. McGown, well known in Eastern Maine, was engaged for six months to give his attention to some of the vacant churches, or important places needing immediate care. The result justifies the action. His presence has been timely and his labors have been satisfactory. Rev. G. W. Christie has followed him at Presque Isle as permanent pastor, and under his lead at Bar Harbor a church has been organized, and he is urged to remain for one year at least, the prospect being that the people will have their way.

We must record here also the vacation work of our veteran, Rev. P. Thayer, in the Aroostook. He is so thoroughly in love with his life-

long pursuit, he seeks recreation from *more preaching elsewhere than at home*. His six weeks' mission in the Aroostook was a great comfort to his numerous friends there.

During the year, seven men have given about twenty two months of service, at an actual cost to the Society of only \$810 66, and three of these men have given a year and a half of service *besides* to the churches. We certainly recommend the continuance of this department in some form.

### THE NATIONAL WORK.

We cannot close this report without saying a word in regard to the wider work for our great land. It is quite impossible for us to comprehend the crisis now upon us. The Secretaries of the A. H. M. Society, who make this field their constant study, can come as near this as any, but comparison, and facts, and imagination fail them as they try to present the outlook. They nor we know what is to be the result of action or inaction in the immediate future. There is no time, there is little need to discuss this, as so much has been put before you during these past months, especially in the reports of the great meeting at Saratoga. This is the question for us: What is the duty of our Maine churches in this direction? Can we afford to rest satisfied in taking tolerable care of our own State, and have no share in this grand movement to put the heaven of the gospel, and of our Christian institutions into the midst of the millions who are making homes in the West and South, and who will become either helpers in our nation, or the destroyers of its government. Strangers are here, some of them well meaning, some of them indifferent, some of them ignorant, some of them designing, some of them base and godless and worse than heathen.

With the preacher, we would suggest, whether it be not time to take up this work in earnest, as an auxiliary society, and press the duty of larger giving, and of liberal sharing with the National Society. Some of the dependent States have advanced to self-supporting auxiliaries. Shall we not advance from being a self-supporting auxiliary to the position of a helping auxiliary?

The National Society asks: "How can this auxiliary relationship be made more vital and productive?" "The present administration of the Society believes that it can be accomplished best, not by attempting to divert funds from the State treasuries, but by circulating missionary intelligence, holding missionary conventions, and so spreading out the



raunts and claims of the whole field that a deeper interest in Home Missions shall be aroused and larger gifts secured, so that there will be aountiful overflow from the State treasuries to the parent Society for the national work."

Now can this be done in Maine? The ease with which this society has secured its funds for the last two years, leads us to feel that more can be done without detriment to the churches or to individual christians. We should take no step backward. Let the watchword be, FORWARD.

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

## TREASURER'S

*JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer, in account*

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1882.

June 13.—For balance on hand as per account rendered this date.....\$390 00  
 1883.

June 13.—Receipts to date, viz:

Contributions from churches and individuals.....	\$8,399 30	
Amount paid by Treasurer of the Woman's		
Maine Missionary Auxiliary.....	1.485 87	
Amount from Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y. for sums		
received by him for preaching.....	31 50	
Income on invested funds.....	2.703 27	
Legacies.....	3.735 70	
		16.355 64
Notes matured and paid .....		6.500 00

\$23,245 73

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer.

## REPORT.

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## 3.—By amount paid on Trustees' orders. viz:

To Missionaries in full to June 1, 1883.....	\$10,382 82	
Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, 11 mos. salary.....	1,375 00	
Same, for travelling and incidental expenses.....	268 31	
John L. Crosby, Treasurer, annual salary.....	300 00	
Same, for postage, stationary, travelling and other incidental expenses, as per bill rendered.....	65 96	
Samuel G. Robinson, Bangor, for printing annual reports with minutes of State Conference.....	98 48	
John H. Bacon, Bangor, sundry printing.....	29 00	
Christian Mirror, for printing acknowledgements of receipts to June 13, 1882.....	41 02	
Annuity to Mrs. N. S. Bourne, Winthrop, from Sewall fund.....	208 00	
Annuity to church in Jackson and Brooks.....	30 00	
Gifts transmitted through the treasury to churches in Presque Isle and Cherryfield.....	70 00	
Amounts invested as follows:		
Legacy of Mrs. Sally Eldridge (add'l), in stock of Norridgewock Falls Bridge.....	100 00	
Loan on real estate mortgage .....	900 00	
City of Bangor Bonds, 1st mortgage loan to E. & N. A. Ry., 1894.....	\$5,000 00	
Premium.....	800 00	
Accrued interest.....	89 17	5,889 17
9 shares new stock in First Nat'l Bank, Portland	\$900 00	
Premium on same.....	350 00	
		1,250 00
Demand Note, City of Bangor.....		1,500 00
Deposited at Penobscot Savings Bank.....		500 00
		<u>\$23,007 76</u>
Balance at 2d Nat'l Bank, Bangor.....		237 97
		<u>\$23,245 73</u>

BANGOR, June 13, 1883.

ng examined the foregoing account of J. L. Crosby, Treasurer, from 3, 1882, to this date, we find it correctly stated and properly vouched.

W. S. DENNETT, }  
B. B. THATCHER, } AUDITORS.

# RECEIPTS OF MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

From June 13, 1882, to June 13, 1883.

## Contributions from Churches and Individuals.

Abbot .....	86 00	Buxton, South Church .....	3
Acton .....	34 00	North .....	9
Alfred .....	130 66	Calais .....	39
Alna .....	33 00	Camden .....	16
Andover .....	15 50	Casco .....	8
Amherst and Aurora .....	8 40	Castine .....	25
Anson .....	12 00	Cape Elizabeth .....	4
Aroostook Conference .....	14 75	Cherryfl Id .....	15
Athens .....	2 00	Cornish .....	21
Auburn, High St. ....	375 00	Cumberland Center .....	37
West Church .....	20 00	Cumberland Mills .....	69
Augusta, South Church .....	207 00	Deer Isle .....	13
Bangor, First Church .....	135 90	Dedham .....	4
Hammond St .....	354 00	Dennysville .....	33
Central .....	302 16	Dexter .....	9
Bath, Winter St. ....	191 58	Dixmont and Plymouth, ....	4
Central .....	138 70	Dover and Foxcroft .....	4
John Patten, Esq .....	1000 00	Durham .....	5
Belfast, First Church .....	84 50	East Machias .....	13
North Ch .....	21 00	East Bangor .....	2
Poor's Mills .....	16 62	East Orrington .....	12
Bethel, First Church .....	22 59	Elliot .....	30
Second Ch .....	10 00	East Baldwin .....	4
Benton .....	6 60	Ellsworth .....	123
Biddeford, Pavilion Ch. ....	20 00	Edgecomb .....	25
Second Ch .....	160 09	Farmington .....	122
Bingham .....	9 00	Farmington Falls .....	14
Blanchard .....	10 00	Fort Fairfield .....	28
Bluehill, Rev. A.J. McGown. ....	20 00	Fryeburg .....	12
Boothbay, First .....	10 00	Gardiner .....	30
Bridgton .....	10 00	Garland .....	30
Bristol .....	13 60	Gilead .....	14
Brewer, First Church .....	69 07	Gray .....	22
Brocksville Church .....	5 00	Great Works .....	12
West .....	8 25	Greenville .....	31
Brownfield .....	11 00	Gorham .....	85
Brownville .....	25 58	General Conference .....	34
Brunswick .....	152 34	Hampden .....	1
Bucksport .....	173 28	Holden .....	
Burlington .....	24 00	Hollis .....	

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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.....	14 00	St. Lawrence St .....	13 04
.....	7 00	Abyssinian .....	7 00
rt.....	10 00	Pownal .....	10 45
N. H. ....	8 00	Princeton .....	30 00
nk. Union Ch.....	18 60	Richmond .....	22 00
.....	8 00	Rumford .....	11 75
Center.....	26 12	Saco, First Ch.....	45 75
.....	5 00	Sandy Point .....	11 00
k.....	12 00	Scarboro .....	24 00
on.....	38 74	Searsport, Second Ch.....	14 00
.....	5 00	Sherman.....	7 00
.....	2 00	Skowhegan.....	57 63
.....	12 12	Solon .....	11 00
ld Corner.....	16 00	South Bridgton .....	21 50
Center Ch .....	29 50	South Gardiner .....	7 25
Dom. Miss .....	65 00	South Paris.....	9 51
anborne.....	11 00	South Robbinston.....	15 00
.....	30 00	Standish .....	17 25
ie Falls.....	14 00	St. Albans.....	2 33
.....	9 00	Steuben.....	5 00
ge.....	5 00	Sweden.....	4 00
.....	2 60	Stow and Chatham.....	3 50
enter.....	16 21	Temple .....	20 36
uth.....	26 00	Thomaston.....	12 00
.....	10 00	Turner .....	12 00
port .....	35 47	Tremont.....	13 00
.....	5 00	Union .....	5 50
stle .....	51 00	Union Conference .....	25 00
ncester.....	72 75	Upper Stillwater.....	5 00
aron .....	5 30	Waldoboro .....	21 20
eyard .....	5 00	Warren .....	23 00
ewock.....	62 56	Washington .....	2 00
Second Ch.....	10 00	Washington Conference .....	7 93
non.....	3 54	Waterford.....	17 00
ridgton .....	15 00	Waterville.....	35 00
eer Isle.....	8 00	Weld .....	5 00
ew Portland.....	7 54	Wells, First Church .....	41 00
armouth.....	3 91	Second Church.....	21 62
.....	10 00	B. Maxwell, Esq.....	20 00
.....	30 00	Whitneyville .....	18 40
.....	13 92	West Newfield .....	10 00
.....	1 25	West Harpswell.....	10 00
.....	13 50	Wilton .....	56 87
ce.....	8 00	Winthrop .....	104 19
.....	6 00	Winslow .....	29 33
.....	4 00	Winterport.....	8 73
.....	4 68	Woodford's .....	26 00
l. State St. Ch.....	790 00	Woolwich .....	17 25
St. Ch .....	402 50	Yarmouth 1st.....	60 80
on Ch .....	170 00	York Corner.....	11 25
l Parish.....	266 03	York .....	40 70
uth Ch. ladies' circle.	52 00	York Conference.....	33 88
Ch .....	9 50	G. M. Sanborne .....	2 00

**\$8,399 30**

8 Maine Missionary Auxiliary, by Mrs. Rose M.

osby, Treasurer..... **\$1,485 87**

**Legacies.**

Mrs. Sally S. Osgood, Brownfield.....	\$200 00	
Mrs. Sally Eldridge, add'l. Solon.....	100 00	
Miss Susan Parsons, Hallowell.....	160 00	
Mrs. Betsey Vining, Lewiston.....	100 00	
Mrs. Pamela B. Warren, Portland.....	500 00	
Miss Abigail C. H. Foxcroft, New Gloucester.....	500 00	
Mrs. Margaret Fifield, (add'l.) Hallowell.....	169 70	
Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, (annual.) Wells.....	6 00	
Thomas M. Reed, Esq., Bath.....	2000 00	
		<u>\$3,735</u>

Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary. Amt. rec'd by him for preaching 31

**Income on Investments**

Portland and Ogdensburg R. R. bonds.....	\$12 00	
Androscoggin & Kennebec " ".....	72 00	
City of Bath " ".....	150 00	
" Portland " ".....	60 0	
" Rockland " ".....	30 00	
" St. Louis " ".....	60 00	
" Bangor " ".....	150 00	
Pepperell Mills Stock.....	69 00	
Casco National Bank, Portland, Stock.....	340 00	
Canal " " ".....	520 00	
Cumberland " " ".....	97 20	
First " " ".....	110 00	
Traders' " " ".....	200 00	
Medomak " Waldoboro ".....	14 00	
Manufacturers' " Lewiston ".....	11 00	
Ocean " Kennebunk ".....	12 00	
State " Boston ".....	36 00	
Merchant's " " ".....	60 00	
First " Skowhegan ".....	8 00	
Bangor Savings Bank, Interest.....	139 74	
Penobscot " " ".....	55 00	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co. Stock.....	88 00	
Portland, Saco, Portsmouth ".....	24 00	
Interest on temporary loans and notes secured by mortgage.....	277 33	2,703
Notes matured and paid, viz:		
City of Bangor.....	6,000 00	
J. M. Caldwell.....	500 00	6,500
		<u>\$22,854</u>

Total Receipts for year 1882-3.....\$22,854

## for Pastoral Work from July 1, 1882, to June 1, 1883.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	AMOUNT.	TIME
	Rev. Wm. S. Thompson	\$137 50	11 mos.
	Rev. Charles Dame	100 00	11 "
and Aurora	Rev. Wm. Haynes	186 33	11 "
and Minot W.	Rev. J. S. Batchelder	208 33	11 "
	Rev. G. L. Edwards	100 00	6 "
North	Rev. H. B. Hart	50 00	11 "
	Rev. E. S. Jordan	91 67	11 "
	Rev. S. W. Chapin	88 00	5 "
and Steuben	Rev. E. M. Cousins	208 33	11 "
and Hiram	Rev. Zenas Crowell	183 33	11 "
North	Rev. Hiram Houston	25 00	3 "
"	Rev. C. H. Gates	3 50	3 "
	Rev. Thomas M. Davies	220 16	11 "
and Pownal	Rev. R. Wickett	91 67	11 "
	Rev. C. G. Holyoke	166 66	10 "
	Rev. D. S. Hibbard	137 50	11 "
and Falls	Rev. J. L. Hill	72 92	9 "
and	Rev. E. P. Eastman	366 67	11 "
	Rev. P. B. Thayer	91 67	11 "
South	Rev. Fred Newport	187 50	11 "
	Rev. T. P. Williams	100 00	11 "
	Rev. Eben Bean	114 58	11 "
	Rev. N. Lincoln	91 67	11 "
	Rev. B. P. Snow	458 33	11 "
and Brooks, &c	Rev. Wm. G. Wade	50 00	3 "
	Rev. W. W. Dow	137 50	11 "
and Baldwin	Rev. E. T. Pitts	200 00	11 "
	Rev. J. T. Hawes	137 50	11 "
Sweden	Rev. Lewis Goodrich	91 67	11 "
	Rev. G. F. Tewksbury	50 00	11 "
	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	114 58	11 "
East	Rev. O. J. Hancock	50 00	11 "
rt. &c.	Rev. R. H. McGown	50 00	3 "
Falls, &c.	Rev. C. A. White	75 00	3 "
	Rev. H. A. Freeman	137 50	11 "
	Rev. E. L. Walbridge	100 00	11 "
	Rev. J. B. Carruthers	91 67	11 "
	Rev. W. G. Mann	150 00	11 "
West	Rev. A. Redlon	187 50	11 "
and Island Falls	G. W. Stearns	275 00	11 "
	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	229 16	11 "
11th	Rev. J. G. Wilson	183 33	11 "
and Waite	Rev. G. E. Chapin	183 33	11 "
and Red Beach	Rev. E. D. Smith	100 00	6 "
	Rev. H. J. Stone	91 67	11 "
&c.	Rev. I. C. Bumpus	275 00	11 "
	Rev. R. M. Peacock	137 50	11 "
and Tremont	Rev. A. N. Jones	100 00	6 "
"	Rev. Timothy Lyman	50 00	3 "
	Rev. R. S. Whidden	150 00	11 "
	Rev. D. M. Hardy	91 67	11 "
Chatham	Rev. Henry Farrar	68 75	11 "
	Rev. H. Libby	112 50	9 "
	R. S. Rideout	25 00	2 "

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
Turner	Rev. R. H. McGown	87 50	7 mos.
Union and Washington	Rev. F. V. Norcross	187 50	11 "
Vassalboro	Fred G. Chutter	168 75	11 "
Wilton and Temple	Rev. A. G. Fitz	206 25	11 "
Woolwich	Rev. H. O. Thayer	9 67	11 "
York, 2d	Rev. Jos. Freeman	112 50	9 "

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88,074 32

**Paid for Supply from July 1, 1882, to June 1, 1883.**

Abbot	G. M. Sanborne	863 25	3 mos.
Albany	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	52 00	34 "
Anson	Rev. John Dinsmore	50 00	6 "
Anson, North	F. T. McLeod	40 00	24 "
" "	Rev. C. B. Wathen	60 00	6 "
Bangor, West	E. H. Hackett	48 00	3 "
Bangor, East and Essex St.	Rev. J. B. Hawes	56 00	34 "
" " " "	J. C. Aganier	83 00	74 "
Belfast, North	E. H. Hackett	20 00	14 "
Bingham	D. T. Williams	50 00	3 "
Canaan	J. B. Frost	25 00	14 "
Denmark	T. W. Minnis	52 00	34 "
Freedom	W. S. Jerome	32 00	2 "
" "	E. C. Wilder	42 50	4 "
Great Works and Costigan	J. P. Gerrior	104 00	34 "
" " " "	R. C. Drisko	47 50	5 "
Holden and Dedham	J. D. Smiley	50 00	11 "
Jonesboro	J. C. Aganier	94 00	3 "
Ligouia	W. C. Jones	102 00	34 "
Lincoln	Rev. H. H. Aeterian	51 00	44 "
Mercer, &c.	E. C. Wilder	66 00	6 "
Northfield	J. A. Thomas	56 00	34 "
Pittston	Rev. H. H. Aeterian	40 00	24 "
" "	W. C. Jones	35 00	34 "
Robbinston	E. W. Greene	20 00	3 "
Rumford	Rev. J. A. Jones	56 00	34 "

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81,395 75

**General Missionary Work, from July 1, 1882, to June 1, 1883.**

PLACES.	MEN.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
Bar Harbor, Cherryfield, )	Rev. A. J. McGown	\$398 21	6 mos.
Jonesport & Presque Isle )	Rev. J. H. Hoffman	16 00	4 "
Belfast, North	G. M. Sanborne	59 62	14 "
Burlington	Rev. R. S. Underwood	100 00	1 "
" "	Rev. Almon Underwood	50 00	1 "
" "	G. M. Sanborne	37 50	14 "
Caribou and Presque Isle	Rev. P. B. Thayer	40 00	14 "
Magalloway	Rev. Jas. A. Ross	100 00	5 "
Oxford County	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	8 25	14 "
Washington County	G. M. Sanborne	103 17	3 "

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\$912 75

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Paid by the people..... 102 09

Actual cost to society..... \$810 66



**Lost to the Society for Missionary Service for the Year  
ending June 1, 1883.**

.....	\$8,074 33
es by Students and others.....	1,395 75
al Missionaries.....	912 75
al.....	<u>\$10,382 83</u>

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

.....	\$00 00	Passadumkeag.....	00 00
nd Springfield.....	00 00	Patten.....	13 50
field.....	28 00	Prosque Isle.....	6 00
.....	21 75	Sherman.....	7 00
ils.....	00 00	Conference.....	14 75
.....	00 00		<u>\$91 00</u>

### CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

und Sebago.....	\$4 50	State St.....	827 00
abeth, First.....	12 20	Second.....	266 03
.....	5 00	St. Lawrence.....	13 04
First.....	00 00	West.....	15 90
rd's.....	56 22	Williston.....	188 64
, First.....	2 00	Scarboro.....	24 00
.....	00 00	Standish.....	17 25
.....	82 98	Westbrook, Saccarappa.....	00 00
Bethel.....	00 00	Warren Church.....	69 33
.....	7 00	Windham.....	00 00
reet.....	488 00		
th.....	52 00		<u>\$2,131 09</u>

### CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

High St.....	\$425 00	Mechanic Falls.....	14 00
t.....	12 00	Minot Center.....	28 71
.....	20 00	West and Hebron.....	00 00
k.....	194 72	New Gloucester.....	87 75
nd.....	55 00	North Yarmouth.....	3 91
.....	5 25	Poland.....	00 00
.....	49 00	Pownal.....	10 45
.....	00 00	Turner.....	29 00
.....	22 37	Yarmouth, First.....	60 80
l West.....	10 00	Central.....	00 00
Pine St.....	00 00		<u>\$1,027 96</u>

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington, First.....	\$122 60	Strong .....	5 00
Falls.....	14 69	Temple .....	20 36
Industry.....	00 00	Weld .....	12 00
New Sharon .....	5 30	Wilton .....	56 87
New Vineyard .....	5 00		
Phillips .....	4 00		
			<hr/> \$245 82

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst and Aurora.....	88 40	Isle au Haut .....	00 00
Bluehill.....	20 00	Orland .....	45 00
Brooksville West.....	8 25	Sedgwick and Brooksville...	5 00
Bucksport .....	173 28	Sedgwick Village .....	00 00
Castine .....	25 00	Somesville .....	00 00
Deer Isle, First.....	13 00	Tremont.....	13 00
Second.....	8 00		
Ellsworth.....	123 88		<hr/> \$442 81

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta .....	\$207 00	Richmond.....	22 00
Benton .....	19 45	Sidney .....	00 00
Clinton .....	00 00	Vassalboro, Riverside.....	00 00
Gardiner .....	46 50	Adams' Memorial .....	00 00
South .....	7 25	Waterville .....	69 50
Hallowell .....	00 00	Winslow .....	29 33
Litchfield.....	16 00	Winthrop.....	116 19
Monmouth.....	26 00		
Pittston.....	4 68		<hr/> \$563 90

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Alna.....	33 00	Rockland .....	00 00
Bath, Winter St .....	239 58	Thomaston.....	22 00
Central .....	1,191 95	Topsham .....	00 00
Boothbay, First.....	10 00	Union .....	10 30
Second .....	00 00	Waldoboro, First .....	41 30
Bremen .....	00 00	Second .....	00 00
Bristol .....	13 60	Warren, Second .....	23 00
Edgecomb .....	25 58	Washington .....	2 00
Lisbon .....	00 00	Wiscasset.....	00 00
New Castle, First.....	2 00	Woolwich .....	42 08
Second.....	62 60		
Phippsburg .....	00 00		<hr/> \$1,718 79

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Andover.....	15 50	Oxford .....	00 00
Bethel, First.....	42 59	Rumford.....	11 75
Second.....	12 00	South Paris.....	9 51
Gilead .....	14 50	Sumner.....	00 00
Norway, First .....	00 00	Upton .....	00 00
Second .....	10 00		
			<hr/> \$115 85

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

First Church.....	\$145 90	Holden .....	6 00
First St.....	354 00	Kenduskeag.....	00 00
.....	405 16	Lincoln.....	2 00
.....	2 75	Milford.....	2 00
First.....	105 07	Oldtown.....	23 85
.....	21 38	Orono.....	13 92
.....	29 00	East Orrington.....	12 75
.....	4 00	Upper Stillwater.....	5 00
First Plymouth.....	4 00	Veazie .....	00 00
First.....	15 50		
.....	32 08		
			<hr/>
			\$1,184 96

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

.....	\$11 00	Garland.....	65 00
.....	00 01	Greenville .....	44 20
.....	10 00	Monson.....	10 00
.....	37 58	Saugerville .....	00 00
.....	9 10		
First Dover.....	55 00		
			<hr/>
			\$241 88

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

.....	12 00	North New Portland .....	7 54
First.....	3 54	Norridgewock.....	68 56
.....	2 00	Skowhegan .....	82 30
.....	9 00	Solon.....	16 00
.....	30 00	South Solon.....	01 00
.....	00 00	St. Albans .....	5 97
.....	9 00		
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			\$245 91

## UNION CONFERENCE.

.....	\$6 00	Lovell .....	19 00
.....	19 95	Naples.....	5 00
.....	30 00	Otisfield .....	1 25
.....	21 50	Stowe and Chatham.....	3 50
.....	16 01	Sweden .....	10 24
.....	8 00	Waterford .....	17 00
.....	9 00	North.....	00 00
.....	17 00	Conference .....	25 00
.....	00 00		
.....	15 92		
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			\$224 36

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

.....	\$84 50	Rockport .....	00 00
.....	39 17	Sandy Point.....	11 00
.....	34 00	Searsport, First.....	41 57
.....	00 00	Second.....	23 50
.....	00 00	Winterport.....	8 73
First Brooks.....	7 00		
.....	2 00		
			<hr/>
			\$251 47

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais, First .....	\$57 00	Milltown, N. B. ....	00 00
Cherryfield .....	15 00	Northfield .....	00 00
Cooper .....	00 00	Pembroke .....	8 00
Dennysville .....	33 50	Perry .....	6 00
Eastport .....	16 25	Princeton .....	58 00
Jonesport .....	10 00	Robbinston .....	\$15 00
Jonesboro .....	00 00	Steuben .....	5 00
Machias .....	159 25	Topsfield .....	00 00
East .....	38 00	Whiting .....	00 00
Machiasport .....	35 47	Whitneyville .....	18 40
Marshfield .....	00 00	Conference .....	7 93
Millbridge .....	5 00		
			<hr/> \$487 80

## YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton .....	\$34 00	Llnington .....	38 74
Alfred .....	148 66	Lyman .....	26 53
Biddeford, First .....	00 00	Newfield, West .....	20 00
Second .....	160 09	Parsonsfield .....	00 00
Pavilion .....	28 00	Saco, First .....	45 75
Buxton, South .....	3 00	Sanford .....	00 00
North .....	9 00	Sanford, South .....	00 00
Cornish .....	21 00	Shapleigh .....	00 00
Elliot .....	32 00	South Berwick .....	7 00
Hollis .....	5 00	Wells, First .....	85 50
Kennebunk, Union .....	18 60	Second .....	21 63
Kennebunkport .....	00 00	York, First .....	40 70
South .....	00 00	Second .....	11 25
Kittery .....	8 00	Conference .....	33 88
Lebanon .....	26 12		
Limerick .....	12 00		
			<hr/> \$836 44

These contributions include the amounts coming from individuals and churches, and the church societies of the Woman's Auxillary.

## Receipts for Seventy-six Years.

The whole amount of money coming into the treasury of this Society during the last seventy-six years has been \$644,962.42.

First ten years	\$8,415 32	Annual average,	\$841 53
Second " "	21,746 79	" "	2,174 68
Third " "	56,088 13	" "	5,608 81
Fourth " "	70,735 06	" "	7,073 60
Fifth " "	120,612 36	" "	12,061 23
Sixth " "	118,548 60	" "	11,854 80
Seventh " "	151,913 50	" "	15,191 33
Six years	96,902 67	" "	16,150 44

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\$644,962 43

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The figures refer to the page where their Ecclesiastical connection is more particularly designated.

Adams, John C.	Falmouth	108	Garland, David	Bethel	55
Adams, Jonathan E.	Bangor	108	Garland, Joseph	North Waterford	50
Adriance, S. Winchester	Deering, Woodford's	49	Gates, Charles H.	Deer Isle	54
Alexander, James	Brewer Village	56, 91	Goodrich, Lewis	Lovell	52
Andrews, Charles E.	Biddeford	62	Gould, Samuel L.	Bethel	108
Arnold, Henry T.	Tiverton, R. I.	62	Greene, Daniel	Machias	61
			Griffin, Henry L.	Bangor	50
Batchelder, John S.	West Auburn	50	Hague, William B.	So. Bridgton	59
Bacon, Edward E.	Sacarappa	49	Harding, Henry F.	Hallowell	108
Baker, John W. H.	Farmington Falls	108	Hardy, Daniel W.	St. Ckt'n	60
Baker, Silas	Standish	108	Harlow, Edwin A.	Knightville	49
Bayley, Frank T.	Portland	49	Harriman, Nathan W.	Bangor	50, 91
Bean, Ebenezer	Gray	50	Hart, Henry B.	Brooksville	52
Blair, John J.	Rockland	54	Haskell, William H.	West Falmouth	49
Blanchard, Merrill	Biddeford	62	Hawes, James B.	Bangor	59
Bowler, Stephen L.	Bethel	55	Hawes, Josiah T.	Litchfield Corner	53
Brastow, Thomas E.	Rockport	108	Haynes, William	Amherst	52
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*Fifth Anniversary, June 17, 1885.*

**Woman's Aid to American Missionary Association.**

*Fifth Anniversary, June 18, 1885.*

# MINUTES OF 1884.

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The fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Second Church in Biddeford, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 17, at 9 o'clock.

The MODERATOR, Rev. Frank E. Clark, not being present, the Recording Secretary called to order, and read a letter from him, stating that having removed from the State, he resigned the office to which he was elected two years since; thanking the Conference for the hearty way in which he had been supported during his term of service, and saying that "the blessing of God may always rest upon the meetings of the noble old Conference." "My heart goes out toward all the brethren of the Conference, whom I have learned sincerely to love, and it is with real grief that I remember that I can no longer count myself one of your number. May I, however, always count myself your friend and brother in Christ."

On motion of Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, the resignation of Rev. F. E. Clark, was accepted—and on his nomination of Mr. John Crosby, of Bangor, as provisional Moderator, he was unanimously elected Moderator pro tem.

Mr. Crosby, after the expression of thanks for the honor conferred, and a brief introduction,—read the 122d Psalm;—Luke 13: 18—22; Matt. 16: 13—20.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Piscataquis Conference, led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 192. (Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book.)

"There is a stream whose gentle flow," v. 4, 5, 6.—(Ward.)

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Moderator nominated as a Committee to receive the Credentials of Delegates and members of Conference, and report the same,—Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, and Mr. Charles L. Skinner, of Bucksport.

They were chosen to that service.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, reported the printed programme, as their report for the order of exercises of Conference,—which was accepted by the Conference.

He welcomed the guests, and desired in behalf of the Committee on Entertainment, that all might be well provided for.

The Moderator announced the names of members of Committees, who, if present, should be enrolled as members of Conference.

Dea. Wm. P. Hubbard, for the Committee on Credentials, reported the names of Delegates from the several Conferences. They suggest that the Recording Secretary furnish blanks to be filled out by the Scribes of the local Conferences, that there may be uniformity in the credentials. The suggestion was adopted by the Conference.

## DELEGATES.

## LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

## ARCOOSTOOK.

Rev. George W. Christie, Presque Isle. Dea. Charles F. A. Johnson, Presque Isle.  
Rev. Edward P. Eastman, Fort Fairfield.

## CUMBERLAND.

Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, Woodfords. Hubbard H. Nevins, Woodfords.  
Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Portland. Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, Portland.  
Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, East Baldwin. Ansel G. Dewey, Portland.

## CUMBERLAND NORTH.

Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn. Daniel Lane, South Freeport,  
Rev. Richard H. McGown, Turner. Dea. Isaac Haskell, Auburn.  
Rev. John B. Carruthers, North Yarmouth.

## FRANKLIN.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, Phillips. Dea. Abiel Holt, Weld.  
Rev. John L. Hill, New Sharon. Oliver W. Sherman, Strong.

## HANCOCK.

Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport. Nathaniel H. Powers, Bucksport.  
Rev. Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle. Charles L. Skinner, Bucksport.

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OXFORD.

n L. Bowler, Bethel. Dea. Timothy J. Chapman, Bethel.  
s Dame, Audover.

PENOBSCOT.

a. Paine, D. D., Bangor. Dea. William P. Hubbard, Bangor.  
n H. Harriman, Bangor. Dea. George A. Thatcher, Bangor.

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s L. Nichols, Brownville. Ellsha H. Coan, Garland.  
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i J. Rackliff, Skowhegan. Warren F. Bacon, Skowhegan.  
Wasson, Norridgewock.

UNION.

n B. Hague, South Bridgton. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.  
K. Mason, D. D. Fryeburg.

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WASHINGTON.

s G. McCully, Calais. Clinton A. Woodbury, Dennysville.  
ick E. Shaw, East Machias. James Vose, Robbinston.

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J. Emerson, Kennebunkport, Dea. John F. Stearns, Saco.  
s Michael, Alfred. Charles A. Shapleigh, Elliot.

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OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Charles E.  
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Knightville; Nathan H. Harriman, Bangor; Charles W. Huntington,  
Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Richard W. Jenkins, Gardiner; Francis  
New Gloucester; George Lewis, South Berwick; William G. Mann,  
van K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; Charles G. McCully, Calais; Charles L.  
ownville; Flavius V. Norcross, Union; William F. Obear, Winthrop;  
ne, D. D., Bangor; Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland; Charles H. Pope,  
; Almon J. Rackliff, Skowhegan; Jehiel S. Richards, Waterford; Fred-

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, reported the printed programme, as their report of the order of exercises of Conference,—which was accepted by the Conference.

He welcomed the guests, and desired in behalf of the Committee of Entertainment, that all might be well provided for.

The Moderator announced the names of members of Committee who, if present, should be enrolled as members of Conference.

Dea. Wm. P. Hubbard, for the Committee on Credentials, reported the names of Delegates from the several Conferences. They desired that the Recording Secretary furnish blanks to be filled out by the Scribes of the local Conferences, that there may be uniformity of credentials. The suggestion was adopted by the Conference.

## DELEGATES.

## LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

## ARROOSTOOK.

Rev. George W. Christie, Presque Isle. Dea. Charles F. A. Johnson, Portland.  
Rev. Edward P. Eastman, Fort Fairfield.

## CUMBERLAND.

Rev. S. Winchester Adrians, Woodfords. Hubbard H. Nevens, Woodfords.  
Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Portland. Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, Portland.  
Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, East Baldwin. Ansel G. Dewey, Portland.

## CUMBERLAND NORTH.

Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn. Daniel Lane, South Freeport.  
Rev. Richard H. McGown, Turner. Dea. Isaac Haskell, Auburn.  
Rev. John B. Carruthers, North Yarmouth.

## FRANKLIN.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, Phillips. Dea. Abiel Holt, Weld.  
Rev. John L. Hill, New Sharon. Oliver W. Sherman, Stroud.

## HANCOCK.

Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport. Nathaniel H. Powers, Bucksport.  
Rev. Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle. Charles L. Skinner, Bucksport.

## KENNEBEC.

Rev. Alfred F. Skeele, Augusta. Dea. Larrabee, Gages.  
Rev. Edward Chase, Hallowell.

Rev. Charles A. Marsh, Portland.  
Rev. Charles H. Perce, Portland.  
Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Portland.

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MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Charles E. Andrews, Biddeford.

PREACHER.—Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor.

DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel; Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., Portland, to the National Council, at Concord N. H., Oct. 11-15, 1883.

Rev. Francis B. Denio, Bangor, to the East Maine Methodist Conference, at Camden, Apr. 16 1884.

And by letter,—

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Biddeford, to the Congregational Union, of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, at Milton, N. S., July 7, 1883.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, Freeport, to the Maine Methodist Conference, at Bath, Apr. 16, 1884. (Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath, was present and gladly welcomed.)

Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor, to the Yearly Meeting of Friends, at Newport, R. I., June, 1884.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D.; Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.; Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D.; Rev. Francis B. Denio, A. M., Bangor.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.—Gen. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Brunswick.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.—Rev. Henry V. Eunmons, Hallowell; Professor Lawrence Rolfe, Principal.

## BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Richard Winsor, of Sirur, Maratha Mission, India.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Denver, Colorado.—*American Home Missionary Society.*

Rev. George W. Moore, of Washington, D. C.—*American Missionary Association.*

Rev. Andrew E. Dunning, of Boston.—*Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.*

Miss Sybil Carter, of Boston, Mass.—*The New West Education Commission.*

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Boston, Mass.—*Secretary of the American Peace Society.*

## DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. A. S. Ladd, Biddeford, from the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. F. E. Davison, of Biddeford, of the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. T. N. Lord, of Biddeford, Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

so present, Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D.; Rev. Charles H. H. of Washington, D. C.; Rev. Charles D. Barrows, D. D., of San Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of Thompson, Connecticut; Rev. Lyman S. ee; Rev. Herbert A. Loring, Oakham; Rev. James M. Palmer, Rev. Samuel Bowker, Lowell, Mass.; Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Brent-  
nps hire.

inging Hymn 1017,—

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

(Boylston.)

as taken.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

*Incorporated February 25, 1829.*

### FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

une 17,—10 A. M.

ll Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, President, in the Chair.

Adams, read the thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians,  
dent led in prayer.

Adams, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report which

#### RECEIPTS.

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5 00	South Berwick,	10 00	Total.....		\$116 00
ds \$2700.					

The Treasurer read brief extracts from letters, acknowledging with gratitude, the needed gifts received, especially for the unexpected Christmas offering.

The President made an appeal for continued and increasing aid, and the annual contribution was taken. Amount, \$41.67

The following officers were elected :

Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D.,....	<i>President</i> ,.....	Ellsworth
Rev. JAVAN K. MASON, D. D.,....	<i>Vice-President</i> ,.....	Fryeburg
Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS,....	<i>Secretary</i> ,.....	Union
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS,....	<i>Treasurer</i> ,.....	Bangor
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT,....	<i>Auditor</i> ,.....	Bangor

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*, Rev. Messrs. J. K. Mason, Chas. L. Nichols, Wm. P. Fisher, Dea. James P. Thwing, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, *Trustees*.

Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

On motion of Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, the fourth article of the Constitution was, by vote of Conference, amended, so that it shall read as follows :—

The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, annually, on the last day of the Conference next preceding the one over which he is to preside.

#### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

On motion, it was voted that we proceed to the election of Moderator for the present meeting of Conference.

Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of Washington Conference, Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Franklin Conference, and Mr. Hubbard H. Nevens, of Cumberland Conference, were appointed a Committee to receive and count the ballots for that officer.

They reported the unanimous election of Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain,—who had previously by vote of Conference, been made Delegate at large from the State of Maine, to this body.

The same Committee were instructed to notify Gen. Chamberlain of his election. By them he was introduced to the Conference, and welcomed by Mr. John L. Crosby, the Moderator *pro tem*.

The Moderator thanked the Conference for this expression of their wishes, and though feeling inclined to add a few remarks, would defer them, owing to the lateness of the hour, and proceed to call the attention of Conference to the next service of the session.

## THE CONFERENCE SERMON.

Anthem by the choir :

"Sing unto the Lord."

(J. B. Thomas.)

Edwin A. Gowen, Organist and Leader ; Miss Hattie C. Staples, *Piano* ; Mrs. E. A. Gowen, *Contralto* ; Frank W. Davis, *Tenore* ; George R. Ricker, *Basso*.

Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn, read John 5th ch., v. 36 ; and led in prayer.

The Choir and Congregation sung Hymn 452.

"Come, Holy Spirit, come."

(Olmutz.)

Sermon.—Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor.

Text.—John 5 : 39, 40. *Theme*.—The spiritual life and power of churches to be developed by the presentation of biblical truth ; as to Christ ; as the constructive center of christian truth ; as the key to biblical teaching in regard to God,—His nature, providence and

As to the Kingdom of Heaven as distinguished from the church, solving the redemption of the social, political, intellectual, moral, as religious life, and directing the energies of the local churches

As to Faith, as including the activity of the whole man in the springs of thought, feeling and will, united to a living Christ, the right hand of God.

As to the Holy Spirit, as the essential principle of the christian, not merely, as is commonly thought, active in regeneration, or periodic awakenings, but as essential to the existence, power, progress and effectiveness of the christian life, and the church, in the apprehension of truth, and in work ;—for through the Spirit truth comes life, and life becomes labor. No church can truly exist that is not within it regnant the spirit of God.

Prayer,—Rev. Dr. Westwood. Benediction by Preacher.

Adjourned.

2 o'clock P. M.

Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Cumberland Conference, read portions the 11th and 12th chapters of Romans, and led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 240.

"O Gift of gifts! O Grace of faith!"

(Mear.)

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read by Moderator.

## COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, of Penobscot Conference, and Rev. John Emerson, of York Conference, were appointed to take the place of whose term of office expires.

## REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor, was cordially welcomed by the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Camden April 16, 1884.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, wrote to the Maine Methodist Conference, of the Methodist E. church, at Bath, April 16, 1884.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford, communicated by letter with the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Milton, Queen's Co., N. S., July 7, 1883. (Referred to in their Minutes, 1883, p. 101, 105,) as "conveying greetings, and expressing sentiments most pleasant to receive."

Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, sent a communication to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at Newport, R. I., June 1884.

Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, was not present at the session of Maine Baptist Convention, in South Berwick, October, 1883. Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, of Bangor, was the Primary Delegate.

Rev. George W. Field, D. D., of Bangor, reported to the Secretary that he sent by letter the greetings of this Conference to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, at London, May, 1884.

Rev. John G. Wilson, of Portland, reported by letter, that he attended the meeting of the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, at Auburn, Sept. 7, 1883, and was kindly welcomed.

## SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. F. E. Davison, of Biddeford, presented the regards of the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. Everett L. Stackpole, of Bath, was announced as Delegate from the Maine Methodist Conference. He was not present, but Rev. A. S. Ladd, of Biddeford, appeared in his place, and cordially gave the greetings of that body.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Biddeford, expressed the fellowship of the Maine Baptist Convention.

A letter was subsequently received from the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Newport, R. I., conveying the cordial greeting and christian salutation of that body. (Published in Biddeford Journal and Times, June 20.)

The Moderator made appropriate responses to these greetings.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, read.

## RECEIPTS.

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Calais,	34 00	Somerset,	15 00			
Clinton and Sag.,	52 00	Union,	28 00	Total....		\$478 37

Report duly audited by Dea. Wm. S. Dennett, of Bangor, was read.

Given after the account was presented,—Aroostook, \$8.00; Cumberland North, \$75.00; Washington, \$10.35.

National Council, 1883, \$158.10; of which paid, June 20, \$100.

## IMPURE LITERATURE.

I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, introduced a resolution of the Portland Conference, on this subject, and as requested by them, that the General Conference to consider whether some action may not be taken to suppress the sale of immoral literature.

The subject was referred to a special committee,—Rev. I. P. Warren, of Portland, Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, and Rev. J. Lewis, of South Berwick.

The committee subsequently made the following report, which was accepted and adopted. The committee referred to, was appointed by the Conference.

The committee to whom was referred the action of the Cumberland Conference, on "Impure Publications," report:

That they have no doubt that this is one of the most important subjects demanding the attention of all good citizens, and calling especially for such action as is possible, by ministers and christians, for the suppression of this enormous evil. In the nature of the case, it is not as open and palpable as some others, but its insidious influence in corrupting, especially the young, is wide spread and most destructive. The committee recommend a hearty concurrence with the Cumberland Conference, in the object in view, and recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed by this Conference, consisting of the Moderator Gen. J. L. Chamberlain, Hon. S. F. Humphrey, of Bangor, Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, Rev. C. G. McCully, of Calais, together with the Committee of the Cumberland Conference, Rev. I. P. Warren, Rev. F. T. Bayley, and Rev. C. H. Daniels, with power to fill their own vacancies, who shall consider the present laws bearing on the subject of a corrupting literature, and what further legislation may be needed for its effective suppression; shall memorialize the legislature of the State, if needful; shall do what is advisable to rouse public sentiment on the subject; correspond and co-operate with any other similar committees that may be appointed; and in all proper ways, seek to remove this fruitful source of demoralization and crime from among us.

United in singing Hymn 312 :

"How heavy is the night." v. 1, 2, 3.

(Boylston.)

Dr. Buckley, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was announced by Dr. Warren, as present, and on his motion, he was made an Honorary member of this Conference and invited to address us during the session.

### THE NEW CONGREGATIONAL CREED.

Professor Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor, read a paper in which he referred to the older historical creeds; to the ends the new creed was intended to accomplish, and how far they have been answered.

He considered,—1. Its brevity as compared with the older versions. 2. Its thoroughly scriptural character. 3. Its comprehensiveness. No doctrine that finds a place of any importance in the Scriptures is omitted or slighted. 4. It gives Christ the place of honor, and makes him the center of the system of truth. 5. It exhibits the truths of Christianity from a truly religious and spiritual point of view. 6. It is free from technical and scholastic terms; throughout a pure and solid body of theology.

The omissions relate chiefly to theories, or what may be called the philosophy of theology; in the realm of non-essentials; not explained by the Scriptures.

The uses to which the creed may be put. Not necessarily to be adopted by our churches in form, but to serve other ends. 1. As an accepted

symbol of Congregational belief. 2. A guide to councils in determining the limits of fellowship, and examining candidates for the ministry. 3. As a doctrinal basis for the churches in the admission of members, and as a more general statement of belief. 4. Admirably adapted for purposes of instruction. It is in simple language, easily understood by all. It is a thoroughly preachable creed; it might be made the foundation of a series of sermons of instruction in our churches.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, while he could agree with the Professor that there was no heresy in the new creed, yet thought it not sufficiently definite on some points.

After some suggestions made by Rev. Dr. Westwood, Rev. Wm. P. Fisher, Rev. C. H. Pope, Rev. Dr. Warren, Rev. A. P. Kelsey, and Professors Paine and Stearns, as to further discussion of the subject, it was decided in the negative.

United in singing Hymn 187:

"Jesus, the very thought of Thee,  
With gladness fills my breast."

(Dundee.)

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the state of the Churches for the year past.

The Report was accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., a former beloved pastor in Maine, led in prayer.

Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, in view of the Report of the Churches, pointed out some of the defects in our church life, and what the remedies are. There was danger that the influence of wealth and taste, would lead the churches to feel more satisfied with themselves, and less aggressive in evangelical work; yielding to the temptation to self-indulgence, and so lose the power of self denial.

On motion of Dea. Wm. P. Hubbard, of Bangor,

*Voted*, That the Nominating Committee report a committee to whom shall be referred the Report of the Corresponding Secretary; also, committees to present resolutions on Temperance and Sabbath Desecration.

The Committee of Arrangements made a Report concerning further accommodations for guests, and Railroad trains.

An invitation was extended by J. W. Fairfield, President of the Cong. Mis. Association, Biddeford, to visit their Reading Room and

Hall, which was acknowledged with thanks.

After the calling of the Roll,—Adjourned.

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Evening, 7:30.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of Cumberland North Conference, read ~~the~~ eighth chapter of Matthew, and led in prayer.

The Moderator remarked that the Conference was ready to ~~receive~~ the children, 200 or more from the Sunday Schools of the city; and ~~to~~ the Processional March, on the organ, by Prof. Edwin A. Gowen, ~~they~~ filed in with Banners, singing a Jubilate Deo, "Joy, joy, to-day, ~~Glory~~ to God," entering in two divisions at the two center doors of the church, occupying center pews which had been reserved for them.

The Moderator and others stood until they were seated, and the ~~beau~~tiful sight and harmonious sounds were inspiring.

### REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford, presented the Report, ~~which~~ with the resolutions embraced in the Report were referred to a ~~Com-~~mittee, Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Woodfords; Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell; and Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick.

The Schools sang No. 2 on the printed programme:

"Go labor, watch and pray."

Address by Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., on the relation of ~~the~~ Sunday School to the intellectual and moral strength of the Church.

The subject was so presented in matter and manner, that it held ~~the~~ close attention of the children, as well as the older part of the audien~~ce~~.

Singing No. 3,—

"Little children, come to Jesus."

Address to the children, by Rev. William F. Obear, of Winth~~rop~~, on the formation of a good character. Each one was building day ~~by~~ day, something either virtuous or impure.

Singing No. 4, Carol,—

"Let Heaven with music ring."

Address by Rev. Andrew E. Dunning, of Boston, National Sunc~~day~~ School Secretary, in his usual happy and spirited manner.

Hymn No. 5,—

"Urge them to come."

the singing by the children was finely rendered throughout, giving evidence of careful and thorough drill, by Prof. Gowen, who led them. The words of the Hymns were memorized, and they had been made familiar with their meaning. The Hymn and Music were selections from "Pure Gold." The organ accompaniment was by Miss A. H. Field, and cornet by Mr. M. L. Verrill. The benediction by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Penobscot Conference.

### ACTION ON THE REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS.

At a subsequent session, Rev. S. W. Adriance, chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary, reported, that he would heartily recommend the acceptance of the report. They would call especial attention to the plea of the Secretary urging more accurate and general returns of statistics for the State Conference. (Appendix A.)

Our Committee would earnestly recommend the adoption of the resolutions which accompany the Report, as follows:

*Resolved*, 1. That the Conference views with great satisfaction, the excellent work done by our Sunday School and Publishing Society, under the wise and vigorous guidance of our National Secretary, Rev. A. E. Dunning; and the work is commended to our churches as deserving their warmest interest and steady and liberal support.

That the Conference recognizes the excellence of the Quarterly Helps, issued by our Sunday School and Publishing Society, and recommends their use in all our Sunday Schools.

That the Conference would favor a State organization of our Sunday School workers, and the forming of such subsidiary district or County associations, as may be needed for securing progressive improvement of our schools and teachers; would re-affirm their favor of such organization, previously expressed, and that the Standing Committee be instructed to promote the matter.

S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE,	}	Committee.
EDWARD CHASE,		
GEORGE LEWIS,		

The Report was accepted, and the recommendations and resolutions were adopted.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the National Council by their Committee on Sunday Schools, Rev. Henry A. Stimson, *Chairman*; E. N. Peloubet, *Secretary*; Henry A. Hazen, Samuel H. Virland and M. C. Hazard, which was referred to the Committee of Conference on Sunday Schools.

They reported that the following minute be adopted.

Acknowledging the receipt of the communication from the National Council, and noting the fact that the appointments mentioned as desirable by the Council, have been already made by this Conference and the measures proposed are now in operation, and are hereby commended anew to our churches.

In the matter of the Annual Children's Day, the Conference would adopt the date, the Second Sunday in June, and recommend that this day be observed in all our churches. (Appendix B.)

The minute was accepted and adopted.

### THE BIBLE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A communication was read from Pastors, and others of Chicago, Ill. which was referred to a Committee, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland; Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn; and Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Bangor; who on the last day of the session, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to which was referred an overture from Chicago Pastors, and others touching the use of the Bible as a text-book in our Sunday Schools, beg leave to report—as follows:

*Whereas*, in the welcome multiplication of leaflets, quarterlies and other lesson-helps, containing the Scripture Text, there is danger of inducing a fragmentary and superficial use of the Word of God, to the neglect of the Sacred Volume as a whole, and becoming reverence therefor;

Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That each Sunday School scholar of our Conference be persuaded, if possible, to own a Bible, and to use it in preparation of the lessons.

*Resolved*, 2. That each teacher and Superintendent be requested to encourage its actual use among the scholars, by precept and example, in all regular exercises of the Sunday School.

*Resolved*, 3. That in order to secure definite and prompt results, we recommend such local action as shall secure the ownership of a Bible by each Sunday school scholar, if possible by the first of October next; and that on the first Sunday of November, a service be held of thanksgiving for the Bible, and pray for a blessing upon its use.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. HALLOCK,  
H. C. WESTWOOD,  
H. L. GRIFFIN.

**Second Day.—Wednesday, June 18.**

**6 A. M.** Prayer meeting in the Vestry, led by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Scripture read, part of the eighth chapter of Romans.

**Leading in prayer,** Revs. Thayer, D. Garland, C. D. Crane, J. W. Chickering, F. E. Shaw, C. H. Pope, C. L. Nichols, J. D. Emerson, F. V. Norcross, and others.

**Remarks.**—Revs. Thayer, J. W. Chickering, D. Garland, J. S. Sewall, C. Chapman, G. Rice, J. D. Emerson, H. C. Westwood, Mrs. George Wagg, of Auburn; and others.

**Hymns.**—"Come thou fount;" "God loves the world;" "I need thee;" "More love to Jesus," etc.

**Closing with the Doxology.**—"Praise God."

A precious season, a good beginning of the day.

**8.30 A. M.** Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, of Cumberland Conference.

United in singing Hymn 452:—

"Come, Holy Spirit, come." (Olmütz.)

A portion of the 24th Ch. of Luke, and 20th Ch. of John, was read, followed with prayer and remarks by the leader, Revs. F. E. Shaw, H. S. Loring, J. W. Chickering, E. A. Harlow, B. Dodge, S. L. Gould, Dea. G. A. Thatcher, F. G. Chutter, A. F. Adams, and others.

**Hymns:**—854, "Behold the throne of grace;" 722, "My faith looks up to Thee;" 408, "Jesus, lover of my soul," interspersed with a verse or two of other Hymns.

Adjourned.

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Organized in 1807.*

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., President, in the chair.

United in Singing Hymn 1129:—

"Jesus shall Reign." (Missionary Chant.)

The President read Isaiah 60th chapter, and the latter part of 24th Chapter of Luke, and led in prayer.

Sermon by Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of Portland. Text, Matt. 13:33. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven," illustrating the nature of the Kingdom of Christ,—a moral and spiritual force in the world.

(Portions reported in Biddeford Journal and Times, June 18; Christian Mirror, June 21.)

Sung Hymn 1017:—

"I love thy Kingdom, Lord."

(Boylston.)

The Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, the remarks following, and the business transacted, may be found at the end of the Report of the Conference.

Prayer by Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Denver, Col.

Benediction by the President.

2 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference, read the 91st Psalm, and latter part of 15th chapter 1st Corinthians, and led in prayer.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

The Necrology, by the Recording Secretary, was read.

Four hundred and twenty-one members of our churches are reported as having closed their labors on earth, during the year, including sixteen of the ministry, one of them Rev. John S. Batchelder, acting pastor, West Auburn. The others, former pastors or ministers.

Brief mention was made of the ministry, and of names of some of the laity. The record of whom may be found on subsequent pages.

United in singing Hymn 1247.—

"For all thy saints O God  
Who strove in Christ to live,  
Who followed him, obeyed, adored,  
Our grateful hymn receive."

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Franklin Conference, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

#### COMMITTEES.

##### PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor.  
Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham.



## ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren.

## TREASURER.

## AUDITOR,

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor. Dea. William S. Dennett, Bangor.

## SECRETARY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford.

## COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, *ex-off.*..... Biddeford..... York Conference.  
 Prof. Rolleston Woodbury... .. Castine..... Hancock.  
 Rev. Charles H. Pope..... Farmington..... Franklin.  
 J. Milton Daggett..... Bangor..... Penobscot.  
 Rev. William F. Obear..... Winthrop..... Kennebec.  
 Ansel G. Dewey..... Portland..... Cumberland.  
 Rev. Daniel Greene..... Machias..... Washington.

## TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Rev. George W. Christie..... Presque Isle. .... Aroostook Conference.  
 Rev. Charles H. Daniels..... Portland..... Cumberland.  
 Rev. Preston B. Wing..... Freeport. .... Cumberland North.  
 Rev. Jonas Burnham... .. Farmington..... Franklin.  
 Dea. Edward Swazey..... Bucksport..... Hancock.  
 Rev. Frederic Newport..... South Gardiner.. Kennebec.  
 Rev. John J. Bulfinch..... Waldoboro..... Lincoln and Sagadahoc  
 Rev. Albert Donnell..... Berlin, N. H..... Oxford.  
 Rev. Henry A. Freeman..... Old Town..... Penobscot.  
 Rev. Peter B. Thayer..... Garland..... Piscataquis.  
 Rev. Almon J. Rackliff..... Skowhegan..... Somerset.  
 Rev. Thomas M. Davies..... Bridgton..... Union.  
 Charles T. Hawes..... Searsport..... Waldo.  
 Rev. Charles Whittier..... Dennysville... .. Washington.  
 Rev. George Lewis..... South Berwick... York.

## TO VISIT BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor;  
 Rev. Alpha Morton, Wells; Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., Yarmouth; Hon.  
 George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

## TO VISIT HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Rev. William P. Fisher, Brunswick; Prentiss Loring, A. M., Portland;  
 Hon. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor.

## DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

*Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.*—RULE 13.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

## Primary.

## Substitute.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg. Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, Bangor.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville. Rev. Wellington R. Cross, St. Stephen N. B.  
 July 7, 1884, at Economy, Colchester Co., N. S.

## MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

April, 1885, in Biddeford.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, Biddeford. Rev. Abiel H. Wright, Portland.

MINUTES OF THE

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.

April, 1885, in Ellsworth.

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, Gardiner. Rev. Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

September, 1884.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, New Gloucester. Rev. William F. Obear, Winthrop.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

October, 1884, Houlton.

Rev. William Haynes, Houlton. Rev. George W. Christie, Presque Isle.

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D.D., Auburn. Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport.

By vote of Conference, (Minutes, 1872, p. 9,) the sending of Delegates to State Conferences is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (16,) 1885, at nine o'clock A. M., with Pine St. Church, Lewiston.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. George M. Howe, Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D.D., Hon. William D. Pennell.

PREACHER.

*Primary.*

*Alternate.*

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg. Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, Augusta.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO REPORT DURING THIS SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

ON THE REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—Rev. Charles L. Nichols, Brownville; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel; Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich.

ON SABBATH DESECRATION.—Professor Levi L. Paine, D. D., Bangor; Rev. William B. Hague, South Bridgton; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham.

ON DIVORCE.—Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham; Mr. Alfred F. Adams, Castine; Rev. Charles H. Pope, Farmington.

## COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference.  
 Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Kennebec Conference.  
 Rev. Daniel Greene, of Washington Conference.  
 Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Hancock Conference.  
 Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, of Penobscot Conference.  
 Rev. John D. Emerson, of York Conference.

Conference takes a recess.

## MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

*Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.*

## SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor, President, in the chair.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.—Professor John S. Sewall, Rev. Dr. Mason, and Rev. J. S. Richards.

The report of the Secretary, Rev. S. W. Adriance, of Woodfords, was read and accepted. See Appendix C.

The report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read by Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, and accepted.

## RECEIPTS.

In Treasury, Clapp Legacy.....	\$1,010 50	
Collection at annual meeting at Farmington.....	9 70	
(1) Contributions from ten churches.....	237 57	
Refunded by Beneficiary.....	150 00	
Bank dividends.....	32 00	
Parent Society.....	125 00	
H. S. L. Winthrop, \$5.00; A friend, 5.00.....	10 00	
		<hr/> \$1,574 77

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society, by Treasurer.....	\$1,418 06	
Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College....	125 00	
Balance in the Treasury.....	31 71	
		<hr/> \$1,574 77
(1) Augusta, \$8 50	Bath, Winter St., 27 00	Portland, Second, 6 06
Bangor, 1st, 6 90	Brunswick, 27 46	Portland, High St., 22 00
Bangor, Ham'd St., 37 00	Orono, 12 40	Portland, State St., 50 00
Bangor, Central, 25 25	Woodfords, 15 00	
	Total.....	\$237 57

The Parent Society received in addition to the above:

From Augusta, \$2 00	Gorham, 29 00	Thomaston, 3 00	\$34 00
Paid Beneficiaries, Bangor Seminary, \$900.00; Bowdoin College, \$150.00.			

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Society, in view of the falling off of contributions on behalf of the cause of Education, as well as the lamentable scarcity of ministers, do recommend to the Churches of the State, to observe the Sabbath following the week of prayer for Colleges, to present this subject, setting forth the need of more laborers as well as the objects of the Society, and to take contributions therefor.

The following officers were elected :

Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, D. D. ....	<i>President</i> ...	Bangor.
Rev. WILLIAM P. FISHER.....	<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Brunswick.
Rev. S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE, .....	<i>Secretary</i> .....	Woodforda.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN.....	<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Brunswick.
Dr. ALFRED MITCHELL. ....	<i>Auditor</i> .....	Brunswick.

**DIRECTORS:**—President and Secretary, *ex-officio*; Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, D. D., of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

The President offered brief remarks.

Annual collection, \$20.77. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

United in singing Hymn 648:—

“Come, thou Fount of every blessing.”

(*Bartineus*—)

## STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

### HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, presented its condition, and the satisfactory progress which it was making in its educational features, and its need of help to render it more efficient.

Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, in behalf of the Visiting Committee, made a report in which reference was made to the courage and zeal of the faculty, notwithstanding the embarrassments arising from the critical financial needs of the school, and which deserved the careful attention of the Conference.

Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell, introduced with remarks, the following resolution of the Kennebec Conference, and desiring that the General Conference would take action thereon.

*Resolved*, That the present welfare and continued existence of the Hallowell Classical School demands the help of all its friends; and this Conference urge upon the State Conference the necessity of taking steps at their annual meeting, for the careful investigation of its affairs, and if they be found hopeful, to recommend to the churches such immediate efforts in its behalf, as may seem advisable to the State Conference.

The subject was, by vote of Conference, referred for such investigation, to the committee before appointed to visit the school,—Rev. W. Fisher, Prentiss Loring, and Dea. J. S. Wheelwright.

An earnest appeal was made in behalf of the Institution by Rev. Wm D. Emerson, of Kennebunkport, who had helped to establish it. Professor Sewall added a few words.

#### BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, in behalf of the committee to visit the College, made a report, which was accepted. See Appendix D.

Rev. Dr. Chickering, and the Moderator spoke in behalf of the interests of the beloved College.

The Moderator desired that we might unite in prayer for these educational institutions, and called upon Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, to lead in the service.

#### BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, chairman of the Visiting Committee, read their report, which was accepted. See Appendix E.

After an introduction by Professor Paine, the importance of this Seminary, especially to Maine, was clearly set forth by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, who included in his remarks, a statement from the Treasurer, showing that its funds were well invested. Not a dollar having been lost. An addition of \$100,000 was needed to render it most efficient.

Professors Paine, Sewall, Stearns and Denio, of the Seminary, presented various points as to its objects and work; its vital connection with the advancement of Christ's Kingdom; the need of means, with the prayers and sympathy of the churches, and the consecration of men to their membership, to the blessed work of the gospel ministry.

Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of Connecticut, an Alumnus of the Seminary, being called upon to lead in prayer for the Seminary, before responding, made some remarks on the essential need of prayer in all our undertakings.

On motion of Rev. E. Bean, of Gray, seconded by Rev. J. D. Emerson, of Kennebunkport, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That this Conference tender to the Professors and Trustees of Bangor Seminary, their hearty confidence and sympathy in the work and interests of the Institution, and pledge to them their co-operation, support, and prayers.

The Moderator read, during the afternoon, with much fitness and force, Hymn 19,—descriptive of the praise and worship of Zion: "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth."

After the calling of the Roll, and a report from the Committee of Arrangements, adjourned,—after the Benediction by Rev. J. D. Emerson, of York Conference.

Evening 7.30.

Organ Voluntary, Prof. E. A. Gowen.

Anthem by the choir:

"Hosanna to our Redeemer's name,"

composed by Prof. Gowen, and sang from his manuscript.

Rev. George M. Howe, of Cumberland North Conference, read the 121st Psalm and led in prayer.

Response by the choir:

"The Lord is in his holy Temple." (E. A. Gowen.)

Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor, alluded to this day as being the anniversary of the day, when twenty years ago, he was at Annapolis, and visited a friend then supposed to be mortally wounded. By a singular coincidence that wounded officer, made Brigadier General on the field of battle, where he was left for dead, was now Moderator of this Conference. He was assured that the statement of the fact would add new interest to the meeting, and in him, and kindle anew our gratitude to God that his life was spared.

The Moderator remarked that it was by no choice of his, that he was called thirty years ago, from his studies in Bangor Seminary, and from the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ, to pass his life on battle fields, and in halls of learning. Instead of having ordaining hands laid on his head in youth, swords were crossed above it.

He had entered into the exercises of the Maine Conference with the fullest sympathy, and was happy to be taken into the full confidence that had been extended to him. We are all fighting the same fight; the fight that the right may come, and the works of Christ be wrought upon the earth. You represent the influence by which the foundation of the churches of New England was laid. A great responsibility rests upon us to keep up these institutions which shed light and joy through our land. So it is with pleasure that I enter into these exercises. He was glad that the Conference would not allow any differences

interfere with the good work of the church. We will allow no petty interference to interfere with us, but we will "touch elbows," and march to the great victory that awaits us.

United in singing Hymn 113:

"Stand up, and bless the Lord." *(Laban.)*

#### THE WORK OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AND THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

These were the topics of the evening, and earnest addresses were made by Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais; Rev. George W. Christie, Presque Isle; Mr. John L. Crosby, of Bangor; Rev. Everett L. Walbridge, of Washington Conference, and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Portland.

Sung Hymn 880:

"Awake my soul! stretch every nerve." *(Christmas.)*

Benediction by Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

#### Third day—Thursday, June 19.

5 A. M. Prayer meeting in the vestry, led by Rev. E. L. Walbridge, Millbridge.

Scriptures read, John 10th chapter.

Prayers by Revs. Walbridge, C. H. Pope, F. E. Shaw, Dr. Chickering, R. W. Emerson, Dr. Westwood and others.

Remarks by the Leader, Revs. S. L. Bowler, J. M. Palmer, C. H. Bates, J. D. Emerson, L. Reynolds, F. E. Shaw, W. B. Hague, Dr. Chickering, E. Bean, Adams and others.

Among the Hymns sung,—*"My faith looks up"; "I need Thee"; "Nearer Thee"; "One more day's work for Jesus"; "Close to Thee,"* etc.

A season of tender interest, and spiritual uplifting.

8.30. Devotional exercises led by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Cumberland Conference, who read Ephesians 3: 8—21. The subject of remark, v. 17. *"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."*

Sung Hymn 687:

*"Jesus, the very thought of Thee."*

Prayer and remarks by the Leader, Dr. Westwood, Professors L. F. Earns and F. B. Denio, Revs. S. W. Adriance, F. T. Bayley, H. S. and A. Loring, and others.

Praise and petition were frequently expressed in singing a verse or two of a hymn.

Closed with singing Hymn 79:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

### SABBATH DESECRATION.

Professor L. L. Paine, of Bangor, chairman of the Committee to whom was referred this subject, p. 20, reported the following resolutions which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Conference give expression to its sorrow and alarm, in view of the growing non-observance and desecration of the Holy Day.

*Resolved*, That we regard the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, as a providentially appointed means of grace, and also as a time of rest from the occupations of the world, which is demanded alike by the constitution of nature and by the Word of God.

*Resolved*, That we urge our pastors and churches to unite in immediate and vigorous measures for stimulating a sounder public sentiment concerning the sanctity of the day, and a general observance of it.

### TOPICS FROM REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY —

Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Corresponding Secretary, page 20, reported:

Your committee have thought it best to emphasize a few of the many points of practical interest in the paper, that the whole may not be forgotten or overlooked in our haste.

1. The average length of the regular pastorates given in that paper is 8½ years, and omitting a few of the longer and more permanent pastorates, and the average of the remainder is only five years.

The average of the acting pastorates is 3½ years. Deducting from them, four of exceptional length, and the average of the 110 remaining is 2½ years.

Placing the regular and acting pastorates upon the same basis, and the average of the whole is six years; and deducting the exceptional cases, the average of the remainder is 3½ years.

But the power and influence of a pastor, as a minister and a man, increases with every year of his stay; and in fifteen years, will become so strong that the last year will be twice as effective as the first, other things being equal; and the last of twenty-five will be three times as effective as was the first year.

This makes the question: How can these pastorates be lengthened, so that the full influence and effectiveness of the pastor may be secured, very important.

2. The fact that the churches which have no pastors, so generally discontinue all forms of church work, and the great number of churches that have made no advancement and receives none to their communions are impressive facts.



And in almost every community there are those who claim to be religious but decline all church affinity, a sort of members at large, that waive all rights and excuse themselves from all duties.

These facts show the importance of the (second) question:—

How can more and better christian work be secured in our churches, so as to set forth and impress the duties of an earnest religious life, and of church membership?

3. Would not a more faithful practice of the rite of Infant Baptism, and the training which this rite pledges, serve to bring the children of the church, into its fold, fitted for the better work which the church needs?

On these three points, five minutes were allowed to each speaker.

1. On securing longer pastorates, remarks by Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, and Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union. Mr. T. commended the study and weekly reading of 1 Cor. 13th ch. by pastors and people.

2. On promoting church work, Professors John S. Sewall and L. L. Paine, of Bangor.

3. On Infant Baptism, Rev. H. C. Westwood, of Auburn.

On motion of Professor Paine, of Bangor, it was

*Voted*, That the Nominating Committee appoint a Committee who shall take the Report of the Corresponding Secretary, and propose such topics as may be suggested by it, of most importance to the churches, to be considered at the next Conference.

### DIVORCE.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Gorham, Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, presented the subject in a few remarks touching the duty of early and right training in Christian households, and reported the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That we recognize with thankfulness the advance in divorce reform which the last year has witnessed; and that we implore our Christian people to relax no effort for the complete removal of the evil.

That we entreat our ministers not to solemnize the rite of marriage between parties, either of whom has been divorced contrary to the laws of Christ.

That we recommend to our ministers to preach plainly to young people upon the sacred duties involved in marriage, and the evils which must result from marriages which are hasty and ill-assorted; and we appeal to parents to sacredly guard and guide their children according to the gospel standard of refinement, purity, and holiness.

On motion of Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, who added a few words, the resolutions were adopted.

### TEMPERANCE.

Rev. E. A. Harlow, of Knightville, chairman of the Committee, introduced the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we recognize with thankfulness the prohibition by law of the liquor traffic in our State, and the prevalence of habits of abstinence from intoxicating drinks among our people.

*Resolved*, That in our judgment, our very excellent law ought to be more thoroughly enforced, especially in some of our cities and places of summer resort, and we would urge our people to do what they can to tone up public sentiment, and to influence and assist the officers of the law in the enforcement of this law.

*Resolved*, That the interests of the cause of temperance in the State of Maine at the present time require the adoption of the pending amendment to the Constitution; and we would earnestly recommend to all citizens that they favor the same both by vote and personal influence.

Hon. Neal Dow, of Portland, delivered a clear and forcible address, enforcing the points presented in the resolutions, emphasizing the fact that temperance work should be made a part of all Christian work.

Rev. Dr. Chickering, Secretary of the National Temperance Society, Washington, D. C., whom we welcomed once more to our Conference, added his testimony to the vital importance of this cause.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Bath, the first resolution was amended by striking out the words, "the restriction by law" and substituting for them, "the prohibition by law."

The resolutions as amended were adopted. The Conference afterwards by vote, gave the audience an opportunity to express their concurrence in the same which they did by a rising vote.

#### SEAMEN.

Prof. John S. Sewall, of Bangor, introduced the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, In view of the large number of seamen belonging to families in our congregations, and the many seaports lining the coasts of Maine, which are visited every year by thousands of sailors, native and foreign, who need Christian care and labor:

*Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize all that is being done for the spiritual interests of the sailors by the Portland Bethel, by the Y. M. C. A., and by churches and individuals at our larger ports; and we affectionately urge Christian people in all our ports to engage in some form of action and organized Christian work which shall meet the spiritual needs of this large class of our fellow-men, deprived as they are to so great a degree of all Christian and social privileges.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Deer Isle, enforced the sentiments of the resolutions, and they were adopted.

#### HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

Rev. Charles H. A. Buckley, D. D., of Washington, D. C., referred to this Institution, a position in which he accepted out of a sense of duty to the Freedmen, though it is open for all classes. He spoke of the needs of the South, especially of the Freedmen.

#### THE MINUTES.

A communication was read from Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference in reference to a reduction in the expense of publishing the Minutes.

The subject was referred to the Publishing Committee, with the expression of the opinion of the Conference, that no essential change be made from the present form.

#### MODERATOR FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

On motion, Mr. John L. Crosby, of Bangor; Rev. F. E. Shaw, of East Machias; and Rev. C. H. Pope, of Farmington, were appointed a Committee to receive the votes for Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, was unanimously chosen.

After notices by the Committee of Arrangements,  
Adjourned.

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2 P. M.

United in singing Hymn 82 :

"How sweet to leave the world awhile."

Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Hancock Conference, read the 6th chapter 2d. Corinthians and led in prayer.

#### AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, read a communication from Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., of New York, Secretary of the Society, stating what had been done in Maine, and throughout the country in church building through its agency, and soliciting further aid. Maine had paid \$788, and received \$900. He desired that the Conference would appoint a Secretary for the Union in Maine.

On motion, voted, That Rev. L. H. Hallock, be appointed Secretary.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Richard Winsor, of Sirur, in the Mahratta Mission, India, gave an earnest and graphic presentation of this work.

#### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The work of this Association was forcibly and clearly presented by Rev. George W. Moore, pastor of the Lincoln church, (colored) in Washington, D. C.

#### NEW WEST EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Miss Sybil Carter, of Boston, who has long been a teacher among the Mormons, referred to what the Society was doing, especially among

the Mormons. With hearts full of sympathy must we go to them, with the truths of Gospel, so enlightening and saving them.

#### AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Denver, Colorado, whom we were glad to see again in Maine, spoke of the need and results of Home Missionary work among the rapidly increasing population of the Great West.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, calling attention to the closing hours of the session, and to the fact that all things earthly cease, deemed it fitting that ere we depart, some word of thanks be said;—he therefore moved the following resolutions:—

1. That the cordial thanks of this Conference be extended to the Committees of Arrangement, and of Entertainment, for their efficient and laborious efforts.
2. That the cordial thanks of this body be extended to this church and people, their pastor, and all the families of Biddeford and Saco who have received and entertained us with such abundant hospitality and undenominational charity both of ministers and people.
3. That we sincerely give thanks to Prof. Edwin A. Gowen, organist and leader of the choir; to the choir itself; to the children who sang so sweetly and showed how carefully and persistently they had been trained; to the ladies for floral decorations; to the City papers for their careful reports; to the R. R. and Steamboat Companies for their attentions and reduction of fares; to the Y. M. C. A., for their accommodations and attention, and to all who have given time, care and labor in making this Conference so successful and happy.

Dea. W. P. Hubbard, of Bangor, seconded the resolutions, and would emphasize them, for the glad and willing service that had been rendered.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, pastor of the church, thanked the Conference for the words of appreciation which had been spoken, and for the coming of the Conference: for the presence and influence of such a body among them. It has been an uplifting power, and it would stimulate the courage, and faith, and zeal of the churches. You have made us glad by your coming, and we desire that the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father may follow you to your homes and attend you always.

Recess of fifteen minutes.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Rev. Charles Tenney, of Chester, N. H., a former pastor of the Pavilion church, Biddeford; and Rev. George M. Howe, of Lewiston, officiating.

Deacons,—Timothy J. Chapman, of Bethel; Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland; George A. Thatcher, W. P. Hubbard, and E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

Singing Hymn 857:

"Blest be the tie that binds."

(*Boylston.*)

After the benediction by Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., the Moderator announced Conference adjourned.

E. F. DUREN,

*Recording Secretary.*

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES.

## THE WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

### FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

Held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, 2 P. M., June 18, 1884.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. D. A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, presided. Mrs. A. B. Wilson, of South Paris, Secretary.

United in singing, "Where are the reapers."

Reading of Psalm 19th, and prayer by Mrs. Peaseley, of Auburn.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, of Bangor, read and accepted. Receipts, \$1,523.20, a gain of \$717 over last year. Value of missionary boxes prepared by Aid Societies, \$677.75. Total, \$2,200.95.

The report of the Secretary was read by Mrs. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

The Nominating Committee presented a list of officers, who were elected. See record in the report of the Maine Missionary Society.

Sung:—"I need Thee every hour."

Mrs. F. B. Denio read an interesting letter from Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of the M. M. S.

Rev. A. Blanchard, of Colorado, was welcomed by the Society, who delivered a brief address.

Closed with the Hymn:—"Blest be the tie that binds."

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIARY.

### ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

In the Hall of the Y. M. C. A., of Biddeford, 3:30 P. M., June 18.

Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland, President, in the chair, who read from the 6th chapter of Mark, and remarked upon Christ's question to his disciples, "How many loaves have ye?" and their reply. We may think we have nothing to do with, but Christ can do much with our little.

Prayer by Miss Alice Rich, a blind young lady from Portland, and President of the Mission Band.

The different Auxiliaries were well represented by Delegates.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Dana, showed the receipts \$4,297.76, an increase over any previous year—\$750 more than last year, for which, expression was found in rising and singing,

"Praise God from all blessings flow."

A collection was taken to defray incidental expenses.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland, was encouraging. Several mission bands had been organized in the State, during the year. In Miss Farnham's school, forty miles from Constantinople, all the eighty members had taken shares in the "New Morning Star," paid by money earned in recreation hours.

Report was made by Miss Garland, of Portland, of the Young Ladies Mission Band, in that city, now numbering 250 members; by Mrs. L. Pingree, of Auburn, of a similar organization in Auburn; and by Mrs. Marsh, of Thomaston, of one in that place.

Mrs. Pulsifer, of Auburn, made report of mission work among children.

Closed with prayer, by Mrs. Smith, of Gorham, and singing:

"Work for the night is coming," etc.

The list of officers may be found in the Appendix.

#### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S AID.

##### FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

In the Hall of the Y. M. C. A., of Biddeford, June, at 8.30 A. M.

Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, of Hiram, presiding, who read Luke 10: 25—38, and 2 Cor. 9: 6, 7, 8. Prayer,—Mrs. Kate Carpenter, of Houlton.

United in singing,—*"Rescue the perishing."*

Mrs. H., as chairman of the Committee, prefaced her report by a statement of the need of information as to the workings of the Society; a wider circulation of its papers, and more frequent communication with its missionaries.

The receipts the past year have been \$884.96; an increase of \$50.00 over last year.

She desired that the contributions should be made through this channel, in order that our two missionaries, Miss Lunt and Miss Farrington could have a good support. To do this would only require 60 cents yearly of each lady of our churches.

Miss Lunt, of Selma, Alabama, gave a concise, but comprehensive statement of her work of visiting from house to house, and in connection with the industrial schools. In the latter, children and even mothers, are taught sewing and housekeeping. This work with an intellectual and spiritual training, go hand in hand. But the need of means to accomplish this seems infinite.

A collection was taken to furnish a room to aid in her work, amounting to \$26.00.

The report of Miss Annie E. Farrington's work at Wilmington, N. C., was read, giving a record of the same encouragements, needs and prayer as had been given of that at Selma.

Miss. E. B. Emery, of Gorham, stated some facts that came under her notice during a recent tour in the South. She spoke of the ignorance that everywhere prevailed—that in Alabama alone, there are 80,000 colored voters who cannot read; but startling as this illiteracy is all over the South, the worst phase of their lives is to be found in their immorality.

Rev. George W. Moore, pastor of Lincoln Memorial church in Washington, D. C., a graduate of Fiske University—son of a white mother and a black father, both slaves, described his early life in slavery, the efforts of Christian women who had lifted him up, and educated him to be a worker for his race, and called in Christ's name for the means to carry on the work.

Miss Sybil Carter then called the attention of the meeting to the common problem, and the work of the New West Educational Commission. She thrilled all hearts with her story of the ignorance and superstition which prevails, and the imperative need of effort to overcome this giant evil, which is making such powerful strides.

For Committee elected, see Appendix.

The meeting closed with singing.

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On Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Henry C. Westwood D. D., of Auburn, met the children whom he had invited to come with him to the Foss Street Methodist church, where he would address them by the "Invisible Black-Board." He took for his text, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he," saying it was in Proverbs. He would not tell them the chapter and verse; they must find it themselves, mark it, and carry the words in their hearts throughout their lives.



ving an imaginary line with his finger down the center of the ont, and picturing the word good on the right of the line, and ord bad on the left in like manner, the speaker very vividly l out the results which would follow those found on either side line. His diagram, and the words placed within it were indy the movement of his hand, without chalk or crayon, and in ay he made pictures upon the minds of the children, while no r outline of any figure was left to be seen by their eyes. Pleas- ories were interspersed throughout the address.

opening prayer was offered by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of id, and the closing prayer by Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, of Augusta.

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sessions were fully attended, notwithstanding the heat of the r, and there was no diminution of interest to the end.

accomodations for the guests were ample, and the reception The Committee were anxious that none be overlooked, and ery want should be met. Families in Saco welcomed some of ests.

beautiful church edifice was delightfully located;—convenient ractive in its arrangement and finish. The abundance of flowers, efully arranged, was pleasant to the eye, and fragrant in perfume. choir was very helpful in the service of song, under the leader- f Prof. Gowen, and the singing of the children on Tuesday g, was pleasing and effective.

“Daily Biddeford Journal,” and the “Daily Evening Times,” ll reports of the meeting. The Christian Mirror, of June 21, 28, report; the Lewiston Journal, June 18, 21; Congregationist, 16.

Conference met with this church in 1863. Rev. Charles Packard, tor, was Moderator of Conference. It was during an anxious year civil war, and the “State of the Country” was the topic of an after- session, when resolutions introduced by Rev. William T. Dwight, of Portland, were followed by him with an eloquent, able and g address. Others added earnest words, among them Revs. en Thurston, Wooster Parker, Samuel C. Fessenden, George E. s, and Albert Cole, all of whom have finished their work on

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Orono, Delegate of the United States Christian Commission, gave a report of what was doing by them in the army.

Rev. George Leon Walker, then of State St. Church, Portland, preached the Conference Sermon; Rev. Samuel Harris, of Bangor Seminary, the sermon before the Maine Missionary Society; Rev. Edward Hawes, of Waterville, the sermon before the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, felicitously expressed the thanks of Conference for their reception.

Mr. Charles T. Shannon, was organist and leader of the choir.

## REPORT OF THE CHURCHES.

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The story of our work the past year in these churches cannot be a record of things in themselves great. They are great only as all things are, which have a bearing on the kingdom of Christ. But we know how of us, how interesting are the things in our individual churches which mark Christ's presence, and an advancing life. Let us listen with mutual sympathy and mutual prayer, to such records as can be gleaned of the life of these christian churches for the year. The joys of one are the joys of all; the weakness of one is the sorrow of all.

ROOSTOOK CONFERENCE has nominally ten churches; but three of them, Lee, Passadumkeag, and Carroll and Springfield, exist only in name, having maintained no worship for eight years. The other seven churches are in better condition than last year. They have received to membership twenty by confession, and twelve by letter; total thirty-two. By death and dismission they have lost eleven, which leaves a net gain of twenty-one.

Eleven infant baptisms are reported, and five hundred and fifty-nine members of the Sabbath Schools. Six churches have ministers. Pres. Isle has made much progress under the efficient care of Rev. Geo. Christie. No other religious service was held in the village during last or nine months, and his congregation and Sabbath School were very large compared with former years. Though another service is not held, his numbers are not much diminished. The entire business part of the village was recently destroyed by fire, but will be rebuilt at once.

At Patten and Island Falls, more have been added to the churches than for many years. Sherman also has prospered. Houlton and the Isle Conference have suffered a great loss in the departure of Rev. P. Snow, to take charge of the public schools of Biddeford. Rev. Wm. Haynes succeeds him as Pastor of the Houlton Church.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE has received to its ten churches, twelve persons by confession of faith, and six by letter; eighteen in all. The removals are twenty, a loss of two. Eleven of the additions by profession were at Brownville; three of these were young men, two of the three, heads of families.

At Monson, important improvements have been made in the church edifice, and at Foxcroft and Dover, nearly \$500 have been expended in improvements upon the parsonage. They rejoice, that after having been sixty years without a parsonage, they now have one so attractive. At Abbot Village, the meeting-house has been opened this spring, and a sermon is read by Dea. Foss. A Sabbath School has been organized numbering fifty scholars, and a prayer meeting established.

The twenty Churches of WASHINGTON CONFERENCE have received twenty-eight members by confession, and three by letter; total thirty-one. Removals are thirty-five by death, twenty by dismissal and eleven by discipline; sixty-six in all. There is a net loss of thirty-five. Ten churches, one-half the whole number, are without pastors. Infant baptisms are thirteen, as against one last year. Contributions, \$76 more. During the past six months, Rev. E. L. Walbridge has been employed by the Maine Missionary Society, as a County Missionary. As yet, he has only been able to look after the feeble churches in the western part of the county, and there his labors have been most faithful and fruitful. He found the church in Jonesport much discouraged - without preaching service or prayer meetings; his work there was soon followed by a deeply interesting revival, which has reached chiefly middle aged people, heads of families, including some of the principal business men of the place. Since the end of our Conference year, sixteen members have been added to the church. According to the testimony of our brethren best informed, work of this kind *must be* done in Washington Conference, if our churches are to prosper. The County is very large, and some of the feeble churches twenty or thirty miles from any other Congregational church. The labors of student missionaries are often of great value; we need them where nothing more permanent is possible. But in the judgment of nearly all the pastors and sagacious laymen, these feeble churches must have leaders of some permanence to make any solid gain. They would like to try the experiment of being so grouped, that two or three County missionaries could care for all of them. Brethren, we must not let this cry of need

within our own borders pass out of our ears. Washington County (and the same can be said of some other parts of our State,) is a great, important, and encouraging missionary field. Not only are there our feeble churches to be sustained, but there are fields not occupied, which are specially favorable to our denomination. Let us pray in a practical way to the Lord of the harvest, for the money and the men.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE contains fifteen churches, which have added to their membership twenty-eight persons by confession, and twelve by letter; forty in all. Removals thirty-seven, leaving a gain of three. It does not show a very enthusiastic appreciation of infant baptism, that both this year and last, there was one instance of it in the entire Conference. As in Washington Conference, the churches are far apart, and the youth who would otherwise strengthen them are drawn away in search of a livelihood. The church at Isle au Haut, which had no preaching for several years, was supplied last summer, and will be during the coming season, by a student from Bangor. The church at Bar Harbor will this year be self sustaining. Under the zealous labors of Rev. C. H. Gates, the churches at Deer Isle have rejoiced in the special presence of the Holy Spirit, and the conversion of a number, of whom thirteen have united with the First Church. At West Brooksville and Blue Hill there has been spiritual quickening, resulting at Blue Hill in the renewal of a score or more; and this in a church which had been in a very low and desponding state.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE has eighteen churches, which received to membership last year forty-four persons by confession, and thirty-one by letter; in all seventy-five. Removals were seventy-seven, leaving a net loss of two. Benevolent gifts are \$340 more than last year. The First Church in Bangor has called to its pastorate Mr. Nathan H. Harriman. Hammond Street Church was visited during the winter with new spiritual life, in connection with continuous waiting upon God. Twenty-two have been added to the church by confession of faith, and others will come soon. All departments of christian work have felt the gracious impulse. A Boys' meeting has been organized, which meets weekly under the direction of the pastor. The Juvenile Department of the Sunday School has established a Society called "The Busy Bees." In December the Church observed its semi-centennial. During the fifty years, 1123 members have been received. The Central Church,

Bangor, have welcomed home their Pastor, Dr. G. W. Field, from a year of absence in Europe.

The First Church in Brewer has received seven additions by confession of faith.

Brewer Village has built a neat chapel, in gothic style. A former resident has given this church \$1000, and another \$100, to aid in sustaining gospel ordinances. Dedham has experienced some revival interest during the spring. The church edifice in Milford has been commenced. East Orrington has repaired its church edifice, and observed its semi-centennial anniversary in connection with the recent meeting of Penobscot Conference. The cause of temperance is receiving a new impulse among the churches.

WALDO CONFERENCE, with eleven churches, reports only five as supplied with regular preaching, two of these by the same man. One of the others, Camden, is relatively strong, and will soon have a pastor. Of the rest, the Reporter of the Conference states that they are gradually growing weaker. He speaks, too, of the losses by emigration, and what is more deplorable, the alarmingly large percentage of the people who are not attendants on public worship.

These are depressing facts, and our brethren so situated deserve our profoundest sympathy. But let us not lose heart or hope. Turning to the Maine Minutes for 1867, seventeen years ago, I find that these same five churches numbered only one more member then than now. Then, one hundred and seventy-three, now, one hundred and seventy-two. Bro. Norcross, reporting from Lincoln and Sagadahoc, gives them a word of cheer, when he tells of the church in Bremen, numbering eight members, which some wanted to have buried two years ago, but which has asserted its right to live by sustaining public worship half the time this past year. None of the churches of Asia, whatever their defects, were directed to die. The word is, strengthen the things that remain. One of the best ways to do this is for pastorless churches to hold their christian meetings and Sabbath schools regularly, and give something to each of the great objects of christian benevolence.

Two of our most honored ministers have died in this Conference this year, Rev. Wooster Parker, and Dr. Stephen Thurston. May our beloved brethren there yet have the joy of training up many young men of like spirit in their churches.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE numbers twenty-two churches. Nine of them have received additions by confession of faith, the largest numbers being Newcastle second, four; Phippsburg, five; Rockland, eight; and Warren, eleven. Total additions by confession, thirty-six; by letter, seventeen; in all, fifty-three. Removals, fifty-five, leaving a net loss of two. Sabbath Schools report seventeen more pupils than last year. Benevolent gifts \$727 less.

The little church at Alna deserves praise, because, without a pastor and with but one Sabbath's preaching during the year, they have maintained their monthly church conference and made a gift to Foreign Missions. The Winter street church in Bath has given a call to Rev. O. W. Folsom, of Newburyport, Mass. The Central church in Bath deeply regret the resignation of their pastor, Rev. W. R. Richards. The clerk of the church in Bristol, closes a report which abounds in ciphers, by the comment, "Not having any pastor, we are nothing from beginning to end." Good as a touch of humor, though I don't believe it is true of the good people of that little church. But what a suggestive thought to us all. Any figure, however genuine, multiplied by nothing, is nothing. No christian must be a cipher, unless he wants to reduce his pastor to a cipher also. Be a positive quantity, and your pastor's influence is multiplied by yours.

The church in Phippsburg have built a parsonage the past year, and also thoroughly repaired their meeting house. The church in Warren have raised about \$1000 during the year for improvements, the chief of which are a new organ, chandelier, and Sunday School library. At Boothbay Second church, Rev. R. W. Jenkins has been succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. Lewis D. Evans; and at Wiscasset, Rev. W. A. DePew by Rev. Chas. M. Percival.

Of the church in Union, Rev. F. V. Norcross has been pastor for twenty-four years. It is one of the small country churches which suffer from constant emigration. It has only sixty-five resident members. During the present pastorate, about thirty have moved away who are now active members of churches in larger places, besides a large number who have confessed Christ since they left. One of these whom this little church trained, graduates this month from Oberlin Seminary and enters the ministry. Another is now in Bangor Seminary. Another is a Junior at Amherst, and has decided to be a minister. Rev. George M. Sanborne, pastor of the new Congregational church in Sherman, Texas, received here the impulse which induced him to enter the ministry. So

much for the value of our country churches, and of a permanent pastorate.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE has received to its sixteen churches thirty members by confession, and twenty-three by letter,—fifty-three in all. The losses have been forty-four,—the net gain, nine. Seven of the churches have lost in membership, and seven have gained. With the exception of Waterville, the largest gains have been in the smallest churches. The membership of Sunday schools is seventy-two more than last year. The church in Augusta rejoice that Rev. Arthur F. Skeelee has come to them as pastor. A parsonage has been bought and repaired at a cost of \$4,000. Gardiner also welcomes a new pastor, Rev. R. W. Jenkins. The church has gained in attendance at all its services. At South Gardiner there has been special interest in temperance work. A Good Templars Lodge and a Juvenile Temple have been organized. A Ladies' Aid Society has been formed to raise money for repairing the church building. At Hallowell, Rev. Edward Chase, lately of Biddeford, has become pastor. He is deeply interested in our Classical School, and remarks, "I fear with truth, that it has good local support, but lacks in this respect everywhere else." His suggestion seems to me worthy of adoption, that the General Conference appoint a Committee to look into its condition from the beginning, financially and otherwise. Let us care for schools in Colorado and Utah, but not less for this school, which is the child of the Conference. At Monmouth, the place of Rev. John B. Carruthers as pastor, is now filled by Rev. R. M. Peacock. The church is much afflicted in the death of Dea. Metcalf and wife, but rejoice in the promise that the next generation will fill the places of the parents.

Honor should be given to the church in Pittston, (with only twenty resident members.) that while they have had preaching but three months of the year, they sustained the Sabbath school and prayer-meeting the whole time. The church in Richmond has been blest both spiritually and financially. The religious interest began in September, in connection with the labors of Rev. Mr. Leonard, an Evangelist. Meetings were held afternoon and evening for over a month, with growing attendance. For eighteen years there has not been a greater revival of religion. The converts were numbered by scores, and most of them continue in the christian way. The Congregational church has received to membership fifteen, eleven by confession. Half at least, of



These are cases of reawakened or reinvigorated life. Two extra meetings are still continued,—a short prayer-meeting after the Sunday evening service, and a young people's prayer-meeting in the pastor's study, Tuesday evening. The other good to the church has naturally followed the spiritual blessing. They began the year in arrears, doubtful whether the needful money could be raised. But when the Parish came together

in February, they found no difficulty in raising it all and more, so that for the first time in ten years, there was an excess in the treasury. Moreover, since then, generous friends in the parish have given \$875 to build a much needed chapel; and a lot on which to place it. The whole property is worth over \$1200. God grant the expectation may be fulfilled, which the pastor says seems to possess the people, that this chapel will be the centre of a new and continuous religious interest.

The Riverside church in Vassalboro, which was almost extinct, and had had no admissions for some twenty-five years, has received six to membership, and been much revived. The Adams Memorial Church rejoices in the building and dedication of a neat little chapel during the year. Waterville has sustained a great loss in the death of Dea. Josiah Felcher, an esteemed and faithful christian man. Winthrop reports a house of worship newly painted and carpeted, at a cost of \$550.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE reports seven of its thirteen churches without pastors. Thirteen persons have been received by confession, five by letter—eighteen in all. Losses, seventeen—net gain, one. A new house of worship has been commenced at North Anson. The thriving village of Canaan, which has been almost destitute of gospel privileges, has preaching for the time. At Mercer, there has been brought about a union of four different denominations, which enables them to efficiently maintain preaching the year round. The church in Norridgewock has lost by death its oldest member, Dea. Rufus Bixby, aged eighty-nine. He and his brother, who passed away some years since, were excellent farmers, staunch citizens, firm anti-slavery men, constant church-goers with their large families, though living three or four miles from the place of worship. It was a natural result, that all his children who grew to years, consecrated early to God in baptism, in due time subscribed with their own hands unto the Lord, his oldest son becoming a christian minister. Not one of the six sons remains to strengthen the church in Norridgewock, but elsewhere they are serving the Master. And when we ask to-day, What do our feeble churches

need? can we give a better answer than, They need genuine christian *homes*. They need homes where work, and recreation, society and knowledge are all pervaded by consecration to Christ. There is no other heavenly fountain to renew our country churches in perpetual youth. President Seelye said the other day at Saratoga, "We must evangelize the *cities*." True; but your material for doing so, must come from a thousand country homes.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE has lost from its ten churches forty-five members, and gained nineteen, ten of them by confession. This shows a net loss of twenty-six. Benevolent offerings, if allowance be made for an extra gift of \$1000 last year, are larger than then. Yet some churches report no gifts.

Farmington has adopted the new Congregational Creed with a slight change on the subject of baptism, and a few additions to the confession. The church in Strong has added three to its number. New Vineyard has received the present of a bell; and under its inspiring call, they have kept up their services the year through. They had preaching in the summer; through the Fall and Winter, sermons were read. Four have been added to the church. The church in Phillips is gaining. Three have been added this year, the number of families is increasing, faithful work is done, and the future is full of hope. Wilton has built a very convenient vestry, adjoining the church and opening unto it. It has cost \$800, of which 400 was given by Mrs. Dea. Bass, and the rest raised by the people and other friends. In the hearts of the people, this vestry will especially commemorate the good Dea. Bass and his wife who this year have left them, to worship in the heavenly temple. A pleasant fact is that an absent member of this church has just presented them with a beautiful chandelier. On the whole, says the reporter of the Conference, this has been a year of gain. We are stronger in spirituality than a year ago, and in good condition for work.

OXFORD CONFERENCE contains fifteen churches, of which eleven have pastors. They have received thirty-four members by confession, and eighteen by letter, total fifty-two. They have lost thirty-nine, which leaves a net gain of thirteen. Contributions are a little less than last year, and so is the reported membership in Sabbath Schools. A new church has been organized at Randolph and Gorham Hill. Berlin Falls has received eight by confession; Bethel First, Gorham and South

Paris each four; Bethel Second three; Norway Second two, and Sumner one. East Sumner has built a new church edifice.

This Conference chooses annually, an Executive Committee, to prosecute mission work in towns and plantations within its borders where religious instruction is especially needed. They employ a missionary, who preaches Christ not only in schoolhouses and barns, but from house to house; and who gathers the children into Sunday schools. The missionary for the present year is Mr. John A. Thomas, a recent graduate of Bangor. The Maine Missionary Society heartily co-operates in this work, and pays half the expense. Here is an example for many of our other Conferences. Such work accords with the spirit of the primitive disciples. It is sure to strengthen feeble churches and found new ones.

UNION CONFERENCE reports five of its seventeen churches as without pastors. Twenty-two have been added to the churches by confession and fifteen by letter; thirty-seven in all. Removals, forty-one; a net loss of four. Ten churches received accessions, seven of them by confession of faith. Hiram and Waterford received seven each; Brownfield, Fryeburg and Lovell, two each; Bridgton and West Waterford, one each. Benevolent gifts exceed those of last year by \$39. It is especially commendable that while most of the churches are small, only two report no contributions. Last year only one so reported. A revival in North Bridgton Academy brought twenty or thirty of the students to an open stand for Christ, though as their homes are elsewhere, none have joined the N. Bridgton church. Pastor Hague, of South Bridgton, and some faithful co-workers from his people, have held Sunday afternoon and mid-week evening meetings in Sebago, during part of the year, with the happy result that twenty or more have given themselves to the Saviour. The church in Hiram is reported as in better condition than since the dedication of their house of worship in 1872. The young people have formed a Mission Circle, to work for the Freedmen. There is also a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Maine Missionary Society, and a Women's Christian Temperance Union. The pastor of the church in Waterford remarks, "We believe there is nothing like keeping the young interested in doing good." To this end that church (of fifty-seven resident members), maintains a Young Ladies' Mission Circle, to aid the foreign work, and a Young People's Circle to assist in defraying current expenses. During the winter and

spring, the pastor held a weekly meeting of young people for the study of Pilgrim's Progress.

TO CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE the year has been one of progress. Its twenty-one churches have received by confession, eighty-four; by letter, thirty-six – total, one hundred and twenty. They have lost by death, forty-nine; by dismission, thirty-nine; total, eighty-eight. This leaves a net gain of thirty-two. Baptism of adults are sixty-one, as against thirty-nine last year; of children, twenty-nine, as against fourteen then.<sup>1</sup> The growth in the use of this sacred rite of consecration is due in part to the earnest discussion of infant baptism, at the October meeting of the Conference. The Sabbath schools report a gain in membership of two hundred and thirty-eight. Contributions foot up \$1,513 less than last year. This is accounted for chiefly by the fact that the church in Lewiston last year gave a special gift of \$1,400 to the Education cause. The little church at Minot Centre, has repaired, frescoed and carpeted its house of worship. At Gray, \$558 have been spent in repairing the church and parsonage. Pine St. church, Lewiston, has bought a parsonage at a cost of \$5,000. South Freeport lost its church edifice by fire, March 16. No insurance. Societies of Christian Endeavor have been formed at Mechanic Falls, South Freeport, and Sixth St. church, Auburn. Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman closed his labors at Lewiston, July 20, 1883, and Rev. F. W. Sanborn, at Yarmouth Central church, on the first of the present month. Rev. Dr. H. C. Westwood has been installed at Auburn, and Rev. Geo. M. Howe, at Lewiston. The Conference deplore the death of Rev. J. S. Batchelder, who had been preaching some two years at West Auburn. Both in intellectual and spiritual endowments, he was a man of great worth. One of the mothers in Israel, Mrs. Bathsheba Jones, died in July last. She was the widow of Rev. Elijah Jones, forty-eight years pastor at Minot. She was a godly woman, of rare qualities of head and heart, and since his death, has been almost a pastor to the church.

The work of God's grace during the year, in several of these churches, has been very precious. At the October Conference, it was decided that the pastors should hold a series of revival meetings with the church of Minot West and Hebron. This is the weakest church in the Conference, and had had no preaching since 1882, though a few christian women maintained a Sabbath school. The project did not meet with favor from the members of the church, who thought revival meetings

would be useless. Nevertheless, they were begun Oct. 25, and continued morning, afternoon and evening, for ten days, then afternoon and evening for five more. Nine pastors and other ministers assisted, with some laymen. Mr. Frank M. Lamb, of Auburn, a choice singer, whose gift is consecrated to the Lord, gave valuable aid. The meetings were well attended, and some sixteen persons expressed their purpose to become christians. Thirteen have since joined the church by confession. Moreover, the people, who had thought they could do nothing, raised \$188 for preaching, which, with aid from the Maine Missionary Society, will secure the supply of their pulpit a whole year. Is there not here a hint as to how some other little churches may be lifted out of the slough of despond.

The Sixth Street Church in Auburn determined to anticipate the Week of Prayer by holding meetings each night of the week preceding. On the Sunday night before these meetings were to begin, nine young people rose for prayers. Thus encouraged, the church entered heartily upon a series of meetings which lasted twenty nights, and at less frequent intervals for weeks longer. Neighboring pastors helped. The order of service was a sermon, followed by a brief season of prayer, and then an enquiry meeting. Many have come to Christ, of whom twenty-three joined the church on the first Sunday in June.

In connection with union meetings held during the Week of Prayer and afterward, the High St. Church in Auburn was greatly blest. Forty-six have already united with it on profession of faith. The new pastor, Dr. Westwood preaches to the children every Saturday.

At Gray a series of union meetings was begun in April, and held every evening for three weeks, with results very precious to the heart of Pastor Bean and others. Some fifty hopeful conversions are reported from the different congregations. At South Freeport, a special work of God's grace was enjoyed early in the year, in connection with a series of sermons by the pastor upon the Holy Spirit, and with several meetings at which neighboring pastors gave assistance.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE has lost Rev. F. E. Clark from the pastorate of Williston Church, Rev. Dr. D. M. Seward from Plymouth Church, and Rev. A. N. Ward from the First Church in Falmouth. It has received Rev. C. H. Daniels to the pastorate of the Second Parish Church, Rev. L. H. Hallock at Williston Church, and Rev. I. P. Smith at the First Church Falmouth. The twenty-two Churches have lost by

death forty-six members, by dismission eighty-six, by discipline six ; total one hundred and thirty-eight. They have received by confession of faith one hundred and fifty-three, by letter ninety-two ; total two hundred and forty-five. The net gain in membership is one hundred and seven. Seventeen of the churches received one or more on confession of faith. Considerable accessions have been made to the churches in Ligonía, Woodfords, Scarboro, Standish, Saccarappa, and some of those in Portland.

The number of infant baptisms is fifty-five, nearly three times as many as last year. Thirteen of the churches report some observance of this sacred ordinance. Contributions show a falling off of \$1,451, the greater portion of the decrease being in the column of Foreign Missions \$1,006. The Congregational Union gains \$731, the Cong. Pub. Socy. \$305.

The church at Woodfords reports a steady interest throughout the year, witnessed by conversions occurring every month. The pastor conducts a class of boys and girls every Friday afternoon. The High St. Church in Portland reports a good degree of religious interest throughout the year. Eleven have been received on confession of faith. The Abyssinian Church have improved their house of worship by painting, carpets, cushions, and new pulpit furniture, at a cost of about \$450. Attendance has been good. A Sunday School Concert is held every month. Two hopeful conversions have recently occurred. One of the pleasantest facts about this little church is that according to their ability they have contributed to each of our chief benevolent objects. The Second Parish Church has received seventeen by confession of faith, State Street nineteen, Williston twenty-four, West Church nine.

The Church in Saccarappa has enjoyed a precious work of grace, the characteristics of which have been its quietness, its long continuance, and that all the interest has flowed in the usual channels of church services and work. Almost no extra meetings were held.

The little church in Ligonía, with forty-nine resident members, gives \$10 per month to the Maine Missionary Society, which considering their small means makes good the assertion of one of their friends, that "as to contributions they take the prize." These Welch people also set us an example in the practice of taking all the children to church.

YORK CONFERENCE, with twenty-eight churches, has a membership of twenty-two hundred and thirty-four. It has received thirty-four new

members by confession, eighteen by letter; total fifty-two. Removals eighty-nine, showing a net loss of thirty-seven. Biddeford Second and Buxton North have each received seven by confession, Cornish six, Wells Second five, Kennebunk and Lyman each two, some others one. There is a somewhat larger number of families, and of members of Sabbath Schools. Benevolent contributions show an advance of \$512, or almost one-fifth. About a year ago, the North Church in Buxton and a small Free Will Baptist Church close by, began holding meetings together at the house of the Congregational Church. In the fall, Messrs. Jones and Alden, evangelists, held a series of meetings, which resulted in twenty or more hopeful conversions. The prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools as well as Sabbath services, have continued to show the quickening influence. Rev. Edward S. Palmer is now Pastor. Some special interest is reported from the Second Church in Biddeford. A spirit of deepened consecration has prevailed, Sabbath School and congregation have increased, and some are believed to have become Christ's disciples. The church in Kennebunk reports its Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor as a very valuable and hopeful feature of its work.

**SUMMARY.**—The results of the year then, as statistics show them, are these:

We have fifty-one installed Pastors, a loss of one; ninety-three Acting Pastors, a gain of nine; ministers without charge, forty-five; which is seven less. Total ministers, one-hundred and eighty-nine, which is one more. Number of Licentiates, twenty-nine.

Our churches number two-hundred and forty-eight, one more than last year. The new one is at Randolph and Gorham Hill, N. H. Fifty-two churches have Pastors; one-hundred and fifteen Acting Pastors; twenty-seven are supplied by Licentiates, and fifty-four pulpits are vacant. In 1838, forty-six years ago, when the General Conference met at Saco, there were one-hundred and ninety-five churches, of which one-hundred and fifteen had pastors; thirty-six acting pastors, and forty-four were vacant.

The total membership of the churches is twenty-one thousand and forty-six, of whom six thousand and sixty-seven are males, and fourteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine are females. Four thousand seven hundred and twenty-four of these are absent. The additions to the churches have been, by confession five hundred and fifty-two; by letter

three hundred—total eight hundred and fifty-two. The removals have been, by death four hundred and twenty-one; by dismissal three hundred and fifty-one; by discipline twenty-five,—total seven hundred and ninety-seven. There is therefore a net gain in membership of fifty-five. Seven Conferences make a net gain, viz.: Aroostook of twenty-one, Cumberland one hundred and seven, Cumberland North thirty-two, Hancock three, Kennebec nine, Oxford thirteen, Somerset one; total one hundred and eighty-six. Eight suffer a net loss—Franklin twenty six, Lincoln and Sagadahoc two, Penobscot two, Piscataquis two, Union four, Waldo twenty-three, Washington thirty-five, York thirty-seven; total one hundred and thirty-one.

Baptisms of adults are three hundred and sixty-nine; fifty more than last year. Baptisms of children are one hundred and fifty-three, which is more than double the number last year. This gain is distributed through the majority of the Conferences. The number is larger than in any year since 1878. If this means a turning of the hearts of the fathers to the children in genuine consecration, no sign could be more hopeful.

The Sabbath Schools report an increase in membership of five hundred and eighty.

Two hundred and thirty churches of the two hundred and forty-eight, report the number of families in their congregations as fourteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

The record of the Churches as to contributions does not equal that of some past years. Foreign Missions have received \$10,968, which is \$2,980 less than last year. The College and Education Society \$604, which is \$1,806 less. Congregational Union \$1,584, which is \$822 more. Home Missions \$10,913, \$994 less. American Missionary Association \$4,428, which is \$478 more.

The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society receives \$637; an increase of \$576.07. The column of "other objects" finds such favor as to make a gain of \$379. The total contributions from two hundred and one churches, are \$41,577, which is \$3,444 less than last year. This will be modified somewhat by reports which come straggling along from some churches, like camp followers ashamed of the cause in which they are engaged.

Home Expenditures reported from 212 of the 248 churches, are \$194,000.

Christian friends, have these statistics a message for us, here in this sacred annual convocation? They represent but a small part of the



life of our churches. They are but a framework, over which the life may grow. In many things they rebuke us. They say how imperfectly we resort to the sources of divine life which are open. But let us be thankful for the amount of genuine christian living there *is* in these churches. In the membership, there is a vast deal of true consecration of spiritual earnestness and fidelity. No one can go among the churches, or even read the reports, without feeling it.

Whatever men may think, I believe our divine Lord looks with gracious approval on the courage, the patience and faith of many a minister in these churches who stands firm at his post through a hundred discouragements.

There are eighty-one churches in our borders which have not pastors. What do these statistics say to them? They say, "Maintain your spiritual life as His disciples, as faithfully as though you had a spiritual leader." Would not this be a reasonable catechism in which to examine churches which have no pastors?—Are prayer-meetings maintained? Is Sabbath worship kept up, through the help of published sermons? Do you gather the children in Sunday school, and train them in God's word? Do you take the Christian Mirror, or some other religious paper which you erroneously suppose to be better? Do you take your collections regularly for benevolent objects? Thirty-two churches without pastors, (and shall it be added fifteen *with* pastors!) his year report *no* benevolent gifts. Yet as many more of churches as weak, are drawing constant vitality from their habit of regular, conscientious giving. When little churches without pastors do this, they are somehow apt to find a pastor. If you cannot find the man you would, take the man you can. I know some laymen, whom the demand has called into pulpits, who are doing excellent service.

What do our figures say to the churches which *have* pastors? Surely one thing is, *Keep* them. The statistics for this year show that in our Maine churches, the average term of service is, for pastors, eight and one-half years; for acting pastors, three and one-half years. Nor does this represent fully the tendency to brevity, for we have a few pastorates and acting pastorates which are wholly exceptional. Deducting the nine longest pastorates, the average of the remaining forty-three is only five years. And deducting four remarkable acting pastorates, the average of the remaining one hundred and ten is about two years and three-fourths. Who will seriously defend this? Who doubts that this system of change is wasteful improvidence? To the ministry

the Master says, Be *patient* under your trials, and not too hasty to change. "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." To christian people He says, Do you *sustain* your minister? Do you give him the strength which comes from steadfast fidelity? How can there but be lack of power where christian people view the endeavors of their minister with coldness or criticism, and refuse to put their shoulders to the wheel? Help your pastor. Second his plans. Value his work. Meddle not with them that are given to change. Only thus can we answer the question, How shall our churches rise to a more vigorous life?

Brethren, there *is* such a life for us. It is within our reach. I wish I had time to give more fully suggestions which have come from beloved brethren in these churches in connection with the reports. Says one, "Our need is personal reception in larger measure of the Holy Spirit as a vitalizing power in our belief and our life; and with it a deeper sense of personal responsibility to be workers with God." Says another, "The best word of cheer is the old one, that the Spirit is ready to vivify those churches that earnestly seek him. And another quotes the recent words of Dr. Hatch, the eminent Bampton lecturer. "Self-sacrifice was the secret of the conversion of the Roman Empire, and if society is to be regenerated to-day, it must be by the same power." And another, whose chirography left me in doubt whether he quoted Matt. 7: 29, or 9: 29, both alike expressing the very marrow of our need. "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes;" "According to your faith, be it unto you." The Lord refresh our souls with his grace, that we may return to our homes with a new joy in his presence, and a new purpose to be workers together with him.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the Year ending May 5, 1884.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield.

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\*Union School. †In addition, \$225 may be reckoned for the value of a pulpit, tables and chairs, manufactured and donated by the Pastor.

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CHURCHES.			MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 5, 1884.		Added dur'g y'r.		Removed dur'g year.		Contributions.—(Dollars.)																	
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Baldwin.....	1821, May 16	Eddy T. Pitts.....	A. P.	1882, Feb. 8	1882, Apr. 25	10	29	39	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	25	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	
Bethlehem, First.....	1734, Nov. 10	Edwin A. Harlow.....	P.	1863, Aug. 26	1871, Nov. 21	14	46	60	21	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	3	1	150	175	12	0	0	0	0	0	33	900	
Cape Elizabeth, Ligonla.	1869, Mar. 14	John L. Evans, (1).....	Lic.	.....	1883, June 10	14	33	51	2	9	3	12	0	8	13	2	0	0	178	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	329	
Cape Mills, Warren Ch.	1869, Sep. 30	..... (2).....	.....	.....	.....	46	94	140	27	3	4	7	0	2	0	1	3	360	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	641	1760	
Cape M. First.....	1766, Apr. 8	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cummings, Woodford's Cor.	1762, Sept. 4	S. Winchester Adriansen	P.	1877, May 22	1880, Oct. 21	59	98	157	23	24	6	30	1	4	1	6	18	0	256	200	105	8	10	146	23	88	350	1860	
Deering, First.....	1763, June	Isaiah P. Smith.....	A. P.	1864, Oct. 19	1884, Jan. 1	25	65	90	15	0	2	2	3	0	0	5	0	0	75	78	35	0	0	35	30	15	17	85	660
Deering, Second.....	1830, Sep. 15	William H. Haskell.....	A. P.	1863, Mar. 31	1869, Jan. 1	24	62	86	40	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	76	50	53	0	0	0	0	0	16	700	
Falmouth, First.....	1750, Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington.....	P.	1866, Jan. 31	1877, June 11	77	178	255	70	2	17	36	5	11	0	6	2	0	220	210	190	33	50	183	141	143	149	2000	
Falmouth, Second.....	1787, Nov. 30	Charles H. Daniels.....	P.	1873, Nov. 20	1883, Oct. 17	122	371	493	50	17	19	36	6	11	0	16	10	4	560	590	488	6	32	158	129	991	1804	4000	
Falmouth, Third.....	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Penn, D.D.	P.	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	103	297	400	81	11	6	17	3	0	0	12	7	4	290	292	848	22	812	703	137	2128	4210	5000	
First Church, Portland.	1835, Aug. 7	John G. Wilson.....	A. P.	1851, Dec. 12	1880, Feb. 15	2	16	12	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	75	40	12	4	0	0	0	0	21	54	232
High Church, Portland.	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.....	P.	1857, Oct. 28	1866, June 11	31	45	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	135	145	5	10	44	276	479	3025		
Island Street, Portland.	1852, Mar. 17	Frank T. Bayley.....	P.	1872, Sep. 13	1883, Apr. 12	127	280	407	25	19	16	38	10	7	0	17	8	5	318	250	910	50	340	1475	329	1563	4653	1825	
Island Street, Portland.	1858, Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.....	P.	1866, Nov. 1	1871, Apr. 19	69	150	219	50	4	2	11	0	11	0	12	1	1	335	190	71	150	0	36	20	86	303	1760	
Island Street, Portland.	1862, Sep. 17	Edgar M. Cousins (3).....	A. P.	1880, June 1	1883, July 1	27	58	85	32	9	2	11	0	3	0	3	7	4	185	80	12	0	0	0	0	0	33	1250	
Island Street, Portland.	1862, Dec. 27	Dwight M. Seward, D.D.	A. P.	1883, Mar. 1	1881, June 22	56	142	198	36	24	4	1	9	6	0	15	0	0	200	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	2044	
Island Street, Portland.	1873, Feb. 5	Leavitt H. Hallock.....	P.	1867, July 18	1883, Dec. 13	103	242	345	32	24	18	42	0	12	0	12	9	0	395	290	140	50	50	421	63	240	964	4000	
Island Street, Portland.	1873, June 18	Edward E. Bacon.....	P.	1867, Sep. 13	1881, Jan. 12	41	116	157	11	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	3	0	225	190	80	0	50	40	46	87	303	1784	
Island Street, Portland.	1798, June 26	Gustavus W. Jones.....	A. P.	1869, May 27	1882, Oct. 15	22	43	65	12	7	3	10	1	0	0	1	4	0	70	40	50	0	25	50	0	0	125	734	
Island Street, Portland.	1834, Feb. 5	Richard S. Whidden.....	A. P.	1879, Nov. 19	1882, May 28	11	46	56	7	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	8	7	68	60	22	0	15	11	3	52	620	100	
Island Street, Portland.	1743, Dec. 11	Luther W. Wall.....	P.	1837, Aug. 12	1864, Sept. 2	14	42	56	20	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	30	30	10	0	0	14	15	8	3900	490	
Twenty-two.						1002	2453	3456	648	138	92	245	40	86	6	138	87	55	4085	2548	2299	348	861	17719	1154	6113	16527	103720	
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For the sum, (\$15) given for the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, viz.: from Woonfords, \$8; High Street Church, Portland, \$40; Bethel Church, Portland, \$100; State Church, Portland, \$6; Williston Church, Portland, \$22.																													

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Auburn, High Street.....	1826, Feb. 8		Henry C. Westwood, D.D.	P.	1856, Mar. 9	1883, Dec. 3	3153	277	430	90	46	11	57	3	3	0	633	0	275	250	200	0	0	302	0	854	1256	4000	
Auburn, Sixth Street.....	1876, Sept. 16		Lauriston Reynolds.....	A. P.	1876, Sept. 16	1875, June 1	32	42	74	20	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	160	150	10	0	0	10	23	20	63	1300	
Auburn, West.....	1844, Apr. 30		Richard H. McGowan.....	A. P.	1882, Mar. 7	1884, May 25	36	57	93	30	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	25	28	30	0	0	20	0	50	655		
Brunswick.....	1747, June 17		William P. Fisher.....	P.	1873, Feb. 2	1879, Oct. 22	56	188	244	60	5	3	8	0	3	0	3	0	167	200	401	22	27	261	124	238	1073	2638	
Cumberland.....	1793, Sept. 3		Trueman S. Perry.....	A. P.	1873, June 18	1874, July 26	37	87	124	30	0	3	3	3	0	0	6	0	150	100	105	0	15	51	52	11	234	1060	
Durham.....	1776, Mar. 9		Richard Wickett.....	A. P.	1877, Dec. 5	1879, July 1	10	19	29	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30	0	0	0	5	6	0	11	300	
Freeport.....	1789, Dec. 21		Preston B. Wing.....	P.	1860, Jan. 28	1879, May 26	36	102	138	23	12	4	10	4	2	0	611	0	140	138	26	0	0	55	0	73	154	1475	
Freeport, South.....	1857, July 9		Collins G. Burnham.....	A. P.	1879, Dec. 10	1880, Oct. 10	26	17	97	20	1	1	8	3	1	0	7	0	78	60	114	0	0	37	16	107	800		
Gray.....	1863, Oct. 2		Ebenezer Bean.....	A. P.	1862, Mar. 25	1877, Feb. 1	23	36	59	11	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	45	35	18	0	0	0	21	0	39	1300	
Harpwell.....	1753, .....		John Dinmore.....	A. P.	1852, Nov. 18	1884, May 11	24	40	73	22	4	6	3	12	0	0	0	0	45	35	8	0	0	0	2	0	19	184	
Lewiston, Pine St.....	1840, Aug. 8		George M. Howe.....	P.	1874, July 8	1884, Feb. 13	110	260	370	137	2	4	6	3	12	0	15	0	280	225	60	0	0	20	10	0	50	4644	
Mechanic Falls.....	1791, Sept. 3		Charles A. White.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 3	1883, Feb. 1	10	37	47	13	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	81	60	6	0	0	0	0	0	20	775	
Minot Centre.....	1802, Oct. 8		Lauriston Reynolds.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 16	1879, Sept. 21	29	58	87	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	40	26	44	0	0	0	14	0	20	775	
Minot West and Hebron.....	1763, Jan. 16		Charles A. White.....	A. P.	1874, July 7	1884, Jan. 6	8	12	20	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	40	20	44	0	0	0	0	0	20	775	
New Gloucester.....	1806, Sept. 30		Francis D. Kelsey.....	P.	1874, July 7	1884, Jan. 6	70	131	201	32	0	0	3	4	0	9	2	210	120	267	0	50	112	95	11	535	1174		
North Yarmouth.....	1825, Nov. 2		John B. Caruthers.....	A. P.	1863, June 12	1884, Jan. 6	38	53	91	25	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	63	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	620	
Poland.....	1811, Oct. 30		Charles A. White.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 3	1885, Apr. 1	5	13	20	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	568	
Pownal.....	1813, Oct. 3		Richard Wickett.....	A. P.	1877, Dec. 5	1879, July 1	14	36	50	19	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25	850
Turner.....	1796, Nov. 18		Richard H. McGowan.....	A. P.	1862, Mar. 17	1882, Nov. 3	40	50	90	21	5	0	5	0	0	0	3	12	90	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	189	1600
Yarmouth, First.....	1869, Apr. 27		Joseph Torrey, D. D.....	P.	1860, May 30	1876, Mar. 3	11	175	246	37	1	2	3	8	1	0	9	0	163	175	274	0	0	0	0	0	151	1750	
Yarmouth, Central.....			Francis W. Sanborn (L.)	P.	1878, Dec. 18	1878, Dec. 18	20	34	54	6	1	2	3	4	0	4	1	0	70	74	96	0	0	47	8	0	151	1750	
Twenty-one.							848	1789	2637	664	84	36	120	40	39	0	88	61	29	2270	1039	1639	22	92	1030	433	1438	4074	26141

(1.) Dismissed May 26, 1884.

\*Of this, \$31 for Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, viz.: \$21 from Brunswick; \$6, South Freeport; \$4, Pownal.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 5, 1884.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.				Contributions. (Dollars.)																									
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Regulans.	Total.		Absent.	Profession.		Letter.	Total.		Death.	Dishipline.		Total.		Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 5, 1884.	Families, May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.						College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
						Males.	Females.		Total.	Profession.		Letter.	Death.		Dishipline.	Total.		Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 5, 1884.						Families, May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.							
Wilmington.	1814, Oct. 14	Charles H. Pope.	P.	1865, July 27	1885, Feb. 25	71	148	219	59	2	5	726	1	0	33	2	0	150	150	87	0	5	125	30	57	304	1660												
Wilmington Falls.	1859, Mar. 3	John L. Hill.	A. P.	1881, Oct. 6	1882, July 1	8	30	38	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30	8	0	5	12	0	0	33	205												
Industry.	1808, July 5	Vacant.				14	18	32	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	30											
New Sharon.	1801, Feb. 11	John L. Hill.	A. P.	1881, Oct. 6	1882, Sept. 1	40	72	112	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	650											
New Vineyard.	1828, Sept. 3	J. G. Fogg, 4 mos.	Lic.			9	10	19	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	175	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Phillips.	1822, Oct. 9	John B. Wheelwright.	A. P.	1851, Oct. 15	1884, June 1	10	19	29	8	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	100	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	375										
Strong.	1810, Mar. 3	T. F. Millett.	Lic.			32	38	71	5	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	65	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	19										
Temple.	1805, Sept. 19	Arthur G. Fitz.	A. P.	1875, Sept. 1	1880, Dec. 1	22	38	60	8	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	150										
Weld.	1809, Aug. 17	Robert Peacock, 4 mos.	A. P.	1880, June 23		13	21	34	18	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	30	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	14	72									
Wilton.	1819, Feb. 16	Arthur G. Fitz.	A. P.	1875, Sept. 1	1880, Dec. 1	29	56	85	37	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	80	42	24	2	4	33	6	14	87	1200												
Ten.						340	450	899	184	10	9	1935	10	0	45	3	0	732	440	127	3	10	210	46	75	480	3092												

\*This includes a number of deaths not before reported. †Union Schools. ‡Repairs on Church. §Wilton, of \$1200 Home Expenditures, \$750 for Votary.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 5, 1884.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.				Contributions. (Dollars.)																	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Active Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or commenced Ministry, or commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 5, 1884.	Families, May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.			
Amherst and Aurom.	1830, Sep. 14	Vacant	(1.)	1877, July 3	1883, July 7	9	38	47	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	60	50	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	21		
Bar Harbor	1883, May 20	Alfred J. Metcown.	A. P.	1877, July 3	1883, July 7	3	15	18	0	10	8	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	
Blue Hill.	1772, Oct.	Charles S. Wilder.	Lic.	.....	1884, Mar. 25	28	57	85	24	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	120	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	150	
Brooksville, West.	1826, Jan.	James D. Smiley (2.)	Lic.	.....	1883, June 10	44	65	109	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	
Buckport.	1863, May 12	William Forsyth.	Lic.	1870, Sep. 15	1870, Sep. 15	38	90	124	22	1	4	5	2	1	0	0	3	0	160	90	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	529	700
Cushing.	1820, July 27	Lothian Sewall.	Lic.	1870, Sep. 15	1870, Sep. 15	15	65	80	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	45	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	800
Deer Isle, First	1873, Aug. 1	Charles H. Gates.	A. P.	1861, Nov. 14	1883, Apr. 8	46	124	170	30	13	0	13	2	1	0	0	0	0	135	85	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	675
Deer Isle, Second.	1858, Dec. 1	Charles H. Gates.	A. P.	1861, Nov. 14	1883, Apr. 8	11	18	29	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	62
Ellsworth.	1812, Sep. 8	Charles W. Huntington	A. P.	1881, Sep. 6	1881, Sep. 6	35	116	142	34	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	120	110	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	463	2218
Ile au Haut.	1856, May 7	Charles L. Skinner (3.)	Lic.	1883, June 17	1883, June 17	1	10	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	75
Orland.	1850, Sep. 25	William Forsyth	A. P.	1870, Sep. 15	1870, July 1	15	69	75	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	30	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	280
Sedgwick and Brooksville	1793, July 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	8	18	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sedgwick.	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerville	1876, Dec. 21	Joseph E. Swallow.	A. P.	1848, July 18	1883, Nov. 18	7	21	28	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	375	0
Tremont.	1792, Oct. 17	Albert N. Jones.	A. P.	1872, Feb. 8	1879, May 7	10	53	63	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	325	0
Fifteen.						296	763	1059	240	28	12	40	22	15	0	37	24	1	1322	780	413	0	5	471	191	871	11361	7909			

(1) Rev. William Haynes closed labors Sept. 20, 1883; went to Houlton. William M. Englebb, Lic., from Hartford Sem'y supplied from May 18. (2) Closed labors, April 13, 1884, Benjamin M. Wright, Lic., Bangor Seminary, from June 1, 1884. \*Of this, \$10, for Cong'l. S. S. and Publishing Society, viz.: \$5, from Canine; \$5, from Ellsworth.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Francis Newport, of South Gardiner.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 6, 1884.		Added dur'g yr. dur'g year.		Contributions.—(Dollars.)																			
	Place and Name.	Ordained.	Pastor, Active Pastors.	Installed, or previously.	Name.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dissemination.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No., May 6, 1884.	Families, May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Augusta.....	1794, Oct. 7	Arthur F. Skeele	P.	1882, Feb. 21; 1884, Apr. 8		63	182	245	34	2	0	0	2	4	1	11	0	1	182	175	401	9	0	963	653	335	2261	5300	
Barton.....	1838, July 16	Thomas P. Williams	A. P.	1879, Oct. 8; 1883, Sep. 9		10	35	45	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	35	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	
Camden.....	1848, July 15	Vacant	A. P.			1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gardiner.....	1835, July 28	Richard W. Jenkins	A. P.	1874, Sept. 15; 1884, Jan. 6		37	115	152	38	1	3	4	2	3	0	5	1	0	106	100	25	0	0	20	0	30	75	1290	
Gardiner, South.....	1883, Jan. 30	Frederick Newport	A. P.	1883, Jan. 30; 1882, June 11		5	9	14	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	90	11	0	0	5	0	0	16	500	
Greenwell.....	1790, Feb. 25	Edward Chase	A. P.	1863, Jan. 8; 1883, July 1		36	123	159	36	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	3	125	130	37	0	0	18	0	75	130	1650	
Hewfield.....	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes	A. P.	1828, Jan. 23; 1865, July 1		23	35	58	25	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65	50	20	0	0	20	12	4	56	325	
Lebanon.....	1811, June 6	Robert M. Peacock	A. P.	1828, Jan. 23; 1865, July 1		21	42	63	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	550
Lisbon.....	1853, May 17	Vacant	(L.)	1880, June 23; 1881, Jan. 6		7	21	28	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	150	
Milton.....	1812, Nov. 17	William C. Curtis	A. P.	1868, Sept. 1; 1908, May 24		12	48	60	61	4	15	3	0	0	0	3	7	0	46	44	28	0	0	20	10	8	66	1150	
Richmond.....	1827, Feb. 8	Vacant				4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ridgely.....	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant				1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wassalboro, Riverside.....	1815, July 28	Henry F. Harding	A. P.	1835, Oct. 15; 1883, Oct. 1		1	14	15	1	2	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	55	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wassalboro, Adams' Memorial.....	1833, Mar. 28	Frederick G. Chutter	Lic.	1882, July 1		13	23	36	1	5	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	80	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	
Waterville.....	1828, Aug. 21	Edna N. Smith	A. P.	1872, June 12; 1877, July 18		65	122	187	60	5	5	10	2	3	0	5	0	180	70	99	0	30	38	0	0	7	174	1500	
Watsonville.....	1829, Aug. 27	Thomas P. Williams	A. P.	1879, Oct. 8; 1883, Sep. 1		20	57	77	86	0	1	2	3	1	0	2	0	45	33	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	500
Wintlow.....	1829, Aug. 27	Thomas P. Williams	A. P.	1879, Oct. 8; 1883, Sep. 1		20	57	77	86	0	1	2	3	1	0	2	0	45	33	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	500
Wintthrop.....	1776, Sep. 4	William F. Obeary	P.	1848, Oct. 14; 1881, Oct. 19		40	104	144	56	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	120	100	69	0	6	131	16	34	256	1600	
Sixteen.						397	946	1343	144	30	23	63	24	20	0	44	13	7	1219	1032	706	9	36	1242	591	409	3083	14449	

(1.) Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Gardiner, supplies the pulpit for the present. \*Of this, \$229, was paid towards the parsonage. \*Title includes \$45, interest on parsonage, and \$60 insurance on church for three years to come. \*Including \$38 for church repairs. \*Of this, \$1 for Cong'l. S. P. and Publishing Society, from Riverside.



CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members, May 3, 1884.			Added during yr.			Removed during yr.			Contributions.—(Dollars.)												
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Active Pastors.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 3, 1884.	Families, May 3, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Aim. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Alma.....	1796, Sep. 27	Vacant				6	19	25	9	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	20	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
Bath, Winter Street.....	1795, Dec. 8	Omar W. Folsom	P. E. 1872, Oct. 31 1884, July 1			72	237	309	85	1	5	6	4	9	0	0	0	200	140	480	27	59	454	0	190	1210	3000	
Bath, Central.....	1835, July 8	William K. Richards, (1)	P. 1879, Oct. 10 1879, Oct. 10			37	114	151	37	0	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	100	115	520	115	0	296	100	128	1159	2500	
Boothbay, First.....	1776, July 28	Vacant				7	20	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	250
Boothbay, Second.....	1848, Aug. 1	Lewis D. Evans	A. P. 1875, Jun. 30 1884, April 1			24	49	73	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	125	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	750	
Bremen.....	1829, Mar. 3	John J. Bullfinch	A. P. 1860, May 25 1878, June 6			2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Bristol.....	1796, Aug. 17	Vacant				17	41	58	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Edgcomb.....	1783, June 4	Charles G. Holyoke	A. P. 1878, Dec. 18 1881, July 1			17	69	76	18	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	60	38	14	0	10	27	20	24	95	397	
Lisbon.....	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant				0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Newcastle, First.....	1799, June 4	Vacant				3	8	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Newcastle, Second.....	1844, May 22	Charles D. Crane	A. P. 1874, Jun. 11 1885, Dec. 16			58	129	187	38	4	4	8	4	2	0	0	0	180	110	47	0	9	56	0	71	183	1296	
Phelpsburg.....	1765, July 1	Vacant, (2.)				24	81	105	17	5	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	45	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	704	
Rockland.....	1838, Mar. 8	George H. Scott	P. E. 1884, Sept. 7 1884, Sept. 7			18	104	122	27	8	2	9	4	2	0	0	0	135	82	136	0	0	30	0	64	230	12500	
Thomaston.....	1809, Jun. 15	Charles A. Marsh	A. P. 1886, Nov. 4 1885, Jun. 10			17	77	94	20	2	2	4	6	2	0	0	0	140	75	50	3	5	38	27	18	131	1400	
Topsam.....	1798, Jun. 26	Elipha Kellogg	A. P. 1844, Jun. 18 1882, Nov. 1			17	61	78	16	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	80	70	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	725	
Union.....	1793, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross	P. 1860, Oct. 31 1860, June 1			22	76	98	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	90	15	6	6	29	6	15	71	500	
Waldoboro, First.....	1807, May 13	John J. Bullfinch	A. P. 1860, May 25 1884, June 1			3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	90	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	390
Waldoboro, Second.....	1826, Mar. 4	Vacant				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second.....	1828, Feb. 28	J. Evans Pond	P. 1858, Jan. 28 1879, Jun. 19			68	125	194	47	11	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	115	102	46	0	0	33	13	0	92	1800	
Warren, Washington.....	1817, Aug. 16	Vacant				4	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wassachusetts.....	1773, Aug. 4	Charles M. Percival	Lic. 1883, Sept. 4 1883, Oct. 1			22	60	82	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	40	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	1000
Woolwich.....	1765, Jun. 12	Henry O. Thayer	A. P. 1866, July 26 1867, Sep. 15			22	73	95	13	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	116	55	24	0	0	37	13	0	83	650	
Twenty-two.						469	1461	1930	399	36	17	53	36	15	1	55	31	10	1679	1215	1403	145	89	1050	189	1629	3505	27962

Displaced May 8, 1884. (2.) Rev. Henry C. Robinson resigned May 29, 1883. (3.) Rev. John J. Blair resigned April 13, 1884. \*Union Schools. †Of this amount, \$24 for Cong'l. School and Publishing Society, viz.: \$12 from Edgcomb; \$3 Thomaston; \$9 Woolwich.

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# PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, Reported by Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 5, 1884.			Added dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g year.			Contributions.—(Dollars.)															
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licensee.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dissemination.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 5, 1884.	Families, May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.	
Bangor, First Church	1811, Nov. 27	Nathan H. Harriman...	P.	1834, June 5	1833, June 1	58	167	225	75	3	5	8	8	8	0	16	3	128	85	128	85	63	1	0	97	84	214	465	1500	
" Hammond St. Ch.	1833, Dec. 5	Henry L. Griffin...	P.	1873, Oct. 1	1881, Dec. 28	125	250	375	85	22	16	38	7	10	0	17	12	400	275	400	275	173	32	120	360	111	970	1678	4082	
" Central Church...	1847, Apr. 1	George W. Field, n. d.	P.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	103	230	333	40	0	3	3	5	5	0	10	0	425	350	425	350	460	25	0	394	400	1397	2426	4500	
" East	1878, Aug. 7	Raymond C. Drisko (1.)	Lic.	1883, Sep. 1	1883, Sep. 1	21	22	43	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	
Brewer, First	1800, Sep. 9	Benjamin B. Merrill	P.	1876, Nov. 9	1883, June 13	47	143	190	39	5	0	5	1	1	0	8	3	244	180	244	180	98	0	0	74	104	0	285	1494	
" Village	1843, Jan. 18	James Alexander	A. P.	1882, May 7	1883, June 1	25	75	100	46	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	0	123	55	123	55	22	0	0	0	0	0	72	510	
Burlington	1827, July 12	Samuel W. Chapin	A. P.	1878, Mar. 12	1882, Dec. 24	10	38	48	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	26	60	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	250	
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	James B. Hawes	A. P.	1876, Nov. 25	1885, Oct. 28	15	23	38	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	20	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	160	
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861, Sep. 10	Vacant		1883, May 1	1883, May 1	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	6	40	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	
Hamden	1817, May 6	Sup. Bangor Sem'y (3.)	A. P.	1876, Nov. 25	1883, Oct. 28	18	67	85	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	45	70	45	27	0	4	31	12	4	78	1000	
Holden	1828, Nov. 11	James B. Hawes	P.	1883, May 1	1883, May 1	22	49	71	14	1	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	75	40	75	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	
Kenduskeag	1834, Dec. 23	Sup. from Bangor Sem.		1883, May 1	1883, May 1	19	33	52	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	25	65	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	
Lincoln	1831, Aug. 3	James Lade	Lic.	1883, Dec. 1	1883, Dec. 1	7	17	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	20	45	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	75
Old Town	1834, Sep. 24	Henry A. Freeman	P.	1880, Oct. 13	1880, Oct. 13	21	63	84	31	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	0	125	75	125	75	12	0	0	32	10	7	66	965	
Old Town	1826, May 18	Charles B. Wathen	P.	1883, June 14	1884, June 6	31	98	129	52	4	2	6	4	4	0	6	3	110	58	110	58	11	12	10	26	5	17	81	860	
Pono	1834, June 11	James Alexander	A. P.	1882, May 7	1883, Apr. 1	25	49	74	30	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	70	50	70	50	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	600
Urrington, East	1839, Oct. 6	Charles B. Wathen	A. P.	1883, June 14	1888, June 1	1	17	18	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	125	14	125	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	12	140	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Urrington, Stillwater	1839, Oct. 6	Vacant		1883, June 14	1888, June 1	13	25	38	25	0	0																			

# PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 3, 1884.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.		Contributions—(Dollars.)																					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or presented Ministry, commenced.	Males.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Subsist. School.	Whole No. May 3, 1884.	Families, May 3, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. M. & A. Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.			
						Male.	Females.																								
Abbot Village.....	1875, Nov. 20	William G. Mann	A. P.	1882, Oct. 18	1883, June 1	9	1	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	82		
Adams.....	1882, Mar. 2	Vacant				0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Adams.....	1882, Mar. 13	Rufus William Emerson	A. P.	1884, May 28	1877, Apr. 1	17	26	43	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	50
Adams.....	1879, Aug. 24	Charles Lewis Nichols	A. P.	1881, Nov. 7	1872, Feb. 20	62	117	169	30	11	0	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	120	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	231	350
Adams.....	1884, July 23	Joseph W. Strong	Lic.	1883, May 30	1882, Oct. 18	16	37	53	15	0	4	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Adams.....	1882, Dec. 20	Parilla A. Morehouse	P.	1884, Jun. 18	1883, Oct. 18	67	176	243	44	1	2	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	2100
Adams.....	1876, Mar. 1	Peter H. Thayer	P.	1884, Dec. 12	1883, Dec. 12	23	63	86	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adams.....	1880, Dec. 6	Charles Davidson	A. P.	1875, Oct. 21	1873, Oct. 21	16	31	47	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	350
Adams.....	1821, Aug. 1	William G. Mann	A. P.	1875, Oct. 21	1873, Oct. 21	16	30	46	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	350
Adams.....	1821, Aug. 1	William G. Mann	A. P.	1875, Oct. 21	1873, Oct. 21	16	30	46	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	350
Adams.....	1828, Aug. 28	Vacant				1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adams.....	1828, Aug. 28	Vacant				240	521	760	171	12	0	18	8	16	3	20	4	3	877	480	25	0	10	243	121	37	664	4004	0	0	
Ten.																															

# COMMUNAL CHURCHES, REPORTED BY AUGUSTUS N. DIXON, OF SKOWNEGAN.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members, May 3, 1884.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.		Contributions.—(Dollars.)																	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Placeline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 3, 1884.	Families, May 3, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Anson.....	1804, Apr. 19	Vacant.....	(1.)		12	24	36	18	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	50	30	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	105
Anson, North.....	1881, Dec. 22	John Dinmore.....	A. P. 1882, Nov. 18	1883, June 3	9	11	20	13	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	05	17	8	0	12	0	0	0	20	1461
Athens.....	1807, June 4	Vacant.....			17	21	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bingham.....	1805, July 24	Vacant.....			17	26	43	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison.....	1806, Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell.....	(2.)		31	43	74	10	5	2	2	2	1	0	3	5	0	115	30	15	18	0	1	30	0	0	45	315	
Madison, East.....	1808, Mar. 21	E. Atkins, 3 mos. (3.)	A. P. 1846, Nov. 18	1857, Nov. 16	7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mercer.....	1822, Oct. 30	Vacant.....	(4.)		7	21	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norridgewock.....	1797, Sep. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D. D.	P. 1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	24	61	85	32	2	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	109	62	105	0	0	0	67	39	0	291	575	
North New Portland.....	1806, May 21	J. G. Fogg, 4 mos.	Lie.		8	17	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	53	
Skowhegan—Island Ave.....	1809, Nov. 1	Almon J. Rackliff.....	P. 1882, June 13	1883, June 13	57	145	202	60	4	1	5	4	1	0	5	3	0	225	142	113	113	0	21	133	76	61	404	1800	
Skowhegan.....	1842, Jan. 25	Vacant.....			12	20	32	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salton South.....	1806, Sep. 30	Vacant.....			1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans.....	1809, June 29	William S. Sewall.....	A. P. 1809, Sep. 25	1809, June 10	5	13	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thirteen.					189	409	598	148	13	5	18	12	5	0	17	11	0	867	375	358	0	28	247	115	106	884	3576		

(1.) Rev. John Dinamore, part of the time. (2.) Rev. G. L. Edwards, six mos. (3.) Redigned Nov. 18, 1883; Rev. James B. Hawes, from June 1, 1894. (4.) Charles S. Wilder, *Lie.* two months, afterward Rev. Julian M. Buffum, (Union.) et alion School, tot which, \$200 for laying foundation of church edifice.

# UNION CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Contributions.—(Dollars.)												
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 5, 1884.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.			Families, May 5, 1884.		Contributions.—(Dollars.)									
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Discipline.	Baptized—Adults.	Whole No. May 5, 1884.	Sabbath School.	Baptized—Infants.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.
Albany.....	1803, Sep. 15	C. W. Preston	Lic.	.....	1884, May 1	13	20	43	14	0	1	1	0	0	60	30	14	0	0	0	0	0	31	185
Bridgeport.....	1784, Aug. 20	Thomas M. Davies	A. P.	.....	1884, July 1	45	123	168	45	1	2	3	4	0	85	90	7	0	0	0	0	0	17	1100
Bridgeport, North.....	1832, Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872, May 15	1871, Oct. 1	14	28	52	6	0	0	0	0	0	79	50	26	0	4	49	6	0	10	17
Bridgeport, South.....	1829, Dec. 30	William B. Hague	P.	1880, Sep. 30	1880, Sep. 30	28	70	98	25	0	1	1	3	0	80	50	40	0	5	15	15	46	115	
Brownfield.....	1807, Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857, Dec. 17	1874, Mar. 20	16	27	43	11	2	1	3	1	0	42	40	10	0	0	15	1	0	26	
Brownfield.....	1807, Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857, Dec. 17	1874, Mar. 20	16	27	43	11	2	1	3	1	0	42	40	10	0	0	15	1	0	26	
Brownfield.....	1807, Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857, Dec. 17	1874, Mar. 20	16	27	43	11	2	1	3	1	0	42	40	10	0	0	15	1	0	26	
Casco.....	1804, Sep. 10	Sydney Wakely, (Bapt.)	A. P.	.....	1883, May 27	13	15	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	312
Danmark.....	1829, July 3	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857, Dec. 17	1884, May 4	5	38	43	12	0	0	0	0	0	23	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	101
Danmark.....	1829, July 3	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857, Dec. 17	1884, May 4	5	38	43	12	0	0	0	0	0	23	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	101
Dryden.....	1776, Aug. 21	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	A. P.	1846, Jan. 18	1877, Aug. 1	38	89	127	33	2	4	3	2	0	100	52	18	0	26	10	0	0	16	70
Harrison.....	1826, Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872, May 15	1874, May 1	16	29	45	7	0	0	0	0	0	65	53	14	0	3	18	16	4	14	200
Hiram.....	1826, Oct. 26	Zenas Crowell	A. P.	1877, Dec. 19	1881, June 1	8	23	31	7	3	10	0	0	0	65	53	14	0	3	18	16	4	14	200
Hiram.....	1826, Oct. 26	Zenas Crowell	A. P.	1877, Dec. 19	1881, June 1	8	23	31	7	3	10	0	0	0	65	53	14	0	3	18	16	4	14	200
Lovel.....	1796, Oct. 6	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	42	62	124	46	0	2	1	0	0	100	28	10	0	0	0	0	0	29	725
Lovel.....	1796, Oct. 6	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	42	62	124	46	0	2	1	0	0	100	28	10	0	0	0	0	0	29	725
Naples.....	1808, Aug. 10	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	7	17	22	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...
Naples.....	1808, Aug. 10	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	7	17	22	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...
Stowe & Chatham.....	1797, Oct. 23	Henry Farrar	A. P.	1867, Nov. 6	1882, July 1	14	35	49	12	0	0	0	0	0	30	21	0	0	0	4	0	0	20	...
Stowe & Chatham.....	1801, Oct. 22	Henry Farrar	A. P.	1867, Nov. 6	1882, July 1	14	35	49	12	0	0	0	0	0	30	21	0	0	0	4	0	0	20	...
Storden.....	1817, Nov. 4	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	20	34	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	16	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	...
Storden.....	1817, Nov. 4	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	20	34	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	16	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	...
Waterford.....	1790, Oct. 2	Jehiel S. Richards	A. P.	1877, June 21	1880, July 18	23	56	81	7	0	1	2	5	0	90	55	74	0	0	18	137	0	223	640
Waterford.....	1790, Oct. 2	Jehiel S. Richards	A. P.	1877, June 21	1880, July 18	23	56	81	7	0	1	2	5	0	90	55	74	0	0	18	137	0	223	640
Waterford, North.....	1805, June 20	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	12	34	46	11	1	0	1	3	5	0	63	40	3	0	0	0	0	3	315
Waterford, North.....	1805, June 20	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	12	34	46	11	1	0	1	3	5	0	63	40	3	0	0	0	0	3	315
Seventeen.						320	751	1071	264	22	16	37	30	21	0	919	654	255	0	15	204	200	108	792

(1.) Rev. Lewis Goodrich, resigned February, 1884; supplied from June, 1884, three months, by Josiah Heald, Lieut. (2.) Supplied part of the year by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell. (3.) This, \$11. for (Cong'l. Sunday-school and Publishing Society, viz.: \$10. from South Bridgton; \$1. Stowe and Chatham.

# WALDO CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast.

CHURCHES.	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 5, 1884.			Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Families, May 5, 1884.			Contributions. (Dollars.)									
				Pastor, Acting Pastor.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'Y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Belfast, First.....		1766, Dec. 29	John A. Ross.....	P.	1864, June 1	1873, Sep. 14	10	81	97	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	90	136	69	0	5,118	5	0	0	197	1700
Belfast, North.....		1846, Sep. 24	Vacant.....		1865, June 6	1884, Jun. 15	5	18	23	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	45	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Camden, Elm Street....		1805, Sep. 11	Amory H. Tyler.....	P. E.	1865, June 6	1884, Jun. 15	31	101	132	23	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	155	56	35	0	0	0	0	0	172	1450
Frankfort.....		1851, Nov. 18	A. G. Vettengill, 4 mos.	Lie.	(1)	1884.	2	30	32	10	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	38	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162
Freedom.....		1838, Apr. 14	D. L. Strong, 4 mos.	Lie.	(1)	1884.	6	22	28	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	38	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	190
Jackson and Brooks ..		1812, Oct. 6	Robert J. Kyle.....	Lie.	1883.	1883, Jun. 10	25	42	67	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	110	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	200
Rockport.....		1854, Jun. 12	Vacant.....		1874, Oct. 20	1881, Oct. 1	12	35	47	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116
Sandy Point.....		1839, Oct. 16	Daniel W. Hardy.....	A. F.	1874, Oct. 20	1881, Oct. 1	21	48	69	20	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	35	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	305
Searsport, First.....		1815, Oct. 4	Charles T. Hawes.....	Lie.	1883, Dec. 9	1883, Dec. 9	45	111	156	40	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	120	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	101
Searsport, Second.....		1863, Sep. 19	Daniel W. Hardy.....	A. F.	1874, Oct. 20	1881, Oct. 1	6	24	30	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	45	35	15	0	0	0	0	0	3	116
Waterport.....		1820, Sep. 17	Vacant.....		1874, Oct. 20	1881, Oct. 1	3	39	42	18	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	30	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Eleven.....							172	551	723	185	4	3	7	18	7	5	30	4	748	619	154	0	5,251	89	70	599	5728	0

(1.) Misses Hemmenway, 4 mos. Rev. William C. Jones, a. p., from June 1, 1884.

# WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton.

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members, May 5, 1884.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.				Contributions.—(Dollars).—															
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.		Absent.		Letter.		Total.		Disipline.		Total.		Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. M'ry Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.		
					Inst.	Uninst.	Inst.	Uninst.	Total.	Inst.	Uninst.	Total.	Inst.	Uninst.	Total.	Inst.	Uninst.	Total.	Inst.	Uninst.									Total.	
Calais, First Cong'l.	1825, Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully	A. P.	1860, July 17	1876, Feb. 29	56	212	268	41	14	2	76	4	1	0	5	6	11	215	183	143	0	0	72	56	85	350	2000		
Cherryfield.	1825, Oct. 20	E. L. Walbridge, 4 mos.	A. P.	1881, June 2	1884, Feb. 1	13	27	40	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	400	
Concord.	1826, Feb. 22	Vacant	A. P.	.....	.....	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	
Concordville.	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whitaker	P.	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	33	62	95	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	92	70	29	0	7	37	22	27	122	900		
Concord, Central.	1807, Mar. 10	Charles H. Denkins	A. P.	1867, Mar. 10	1884, Mar. 30	17	63	80	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	92	32	54	0	0	16	5	0	75	130	900	
Eastboro.	1852, Aug. 28	C. H. Small, 4 mos.	Lic.	.....	1883.	10	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	
Eastport, Union Cong'l.	1871, Sep. 11	E. L. Walbridge, 7 mos.	A. P.	1881, June 2	1883, Dec. 1	12	29	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	
Eastport.	1872, Sep. 12	Daniel Greene.	A. P.	1879, Dec. 18	1879, Oct. 12	63	171	234	64	1	1	8	0	1	0	7	1	0	380	130	140	0	0	75	34	15	264	1300		
Eastport, N. B.	1821, Jan. 25	H. S. Synder, 4 mos.	A. P.	1878, June 13	1878, June 13	9	85	94	23	1	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	150	75	26	0	0	30	6	0	20	0	46		
Eastport.	1871, Sep. 14	Daniel Greene.	Lic.	.....	1883.	25	33	58	10	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	5	0	65	52	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	
Eastport.	1846, Oct. 21	Wallington R. Cross.	A. P.	1879, Dec. 18	1884, Apr. 1	11	25	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	106	55	119	0	0	0	0	0	110	1600	
Eastport.	1826, Sep. 15	J. A. Thomas, 4 mos. (1.)	A. P.	1866, Sept. 7	1883, Dec. 6	37	96	133	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	106	55	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	0
Eastport.	1825, Sep. 30	Union Services.	Lic.	.....	1883.	6	14	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Eastport.	1822, Oct. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	12	50	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Eastport.	1858, Dec. 2	George E. Chapin.	A. P.	1881, Apr. 1	.....	24	34	58	11	1	0	1	0	1	0	13	0	0	90	62	0	0	0	0	0	11	61	400		
Eastport.	1817, Nov. 24	Elliah W. Greene, 3 mos.	Lic.	.....	1883.	20	45	65	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	50	30	14	0	0	0	17	0	31	125	0	
Eastport.	1861, Nov. 6	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	3	8	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastport.	1883, Nov. 9	G. R. Truman, 4 mos. (2.)	Lic.	.....	1883.	5	19	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
Eastport.	1836, Dec. 7	C. H. Small, 4 mos.	Lic.	.....	1883.	12	19	31	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	60	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	48	0
Twenty.						372	1016	1387	258	28	3	33	35	20	11	60	18	13	1600	1035	550	0	17	330	140	147	1292	8738		

(1.) Albert H. Beers, *Lic.* from June 1, 1884. (2.) Mr. McKnight, *Lic.* 1884.  
 \*Union School. †Of this, \$21 for Cong'l Sunday School and Publishing Society, viz. \$20 from China; and \$1 from Northfield.





# SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1884.—General Conference Organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

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Name.	CONFERENCES.			MINISTERS.			CHURCHES.			Church Members, May 5, 1884.			Added dur'g year.			Removed dur'g year.			Gain or Loss.		Contributions. (Dollars.)										Home Expenditures.					
	Date of Organization.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentiate.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Unchurched.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No., May 5, 1884.	Families, May 5, 1884.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.		Home Missions.	Am. Miss'ry Association.	Cong. S. and Pub. Soc.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.
Acworth, Ga.	1846	9	0	1	10	0	0	0	1	12	100	236	348	123	143	26	32	6	5	0	11	12	17	11	5083	323	823	11	0	98	78	15	0	50	182	3760
Albany, N. Y.	1822	11	0	1	12	0	0	0	1	12	102	943	1045	608	143	92	245	46	89	0	138	107	87	53	4083	2540	332	891	3716	1164	323	8526	15627	33720		
Amherst, N. H.	1878	11	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	12	848	1780	2628	664	84	36	120	49	39	0	138	107	61	26	2270	1639	449	92	1030	453	31	1407	4674	26141		
Amherst, N. Y.	1839	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	240	460	699	194	10	19	35	10	0	45	26	8	0	730	440	137	3	10	210	40	0	75	480	4093		
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	266	783	1050	24	28	12	40	22	13	0	3	24	1	1322	789	413	0	36	371	101	10	361	1351	7660		
Amherst, N. Y.	1823	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	367	946	1313	44	30	53	53	20	0	4	9	13	7	1229	1032	708	0	36	1242	601	1	408	3083	14440		
Amherst, N. Y.	1823	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	22	469	1461	1939	369	36	17	52	19	0	3	31	10	4579	1219	1403	145	89	1050	159	24	605	3505	27962		
Amherst, N. Y.	1823	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
Amherst, N. Y.	1825	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	18	575	1371	1946	407	44	31	76	42	35	0	2	29	7	2180	1347	1816	0	169	297	119	0	89	802	92065	
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## COUNTY CONFERENCES.

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### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.

Annual meeting, Saturday and Sunday before State Conference in June.—Semi-annual meeting third Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Presque Isle, Oct. 13, 14, 1883. Dea. Charles F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, *Moderator*;—11 A. M., Devotional Meeting, led by Rev. George W. Christie, of Presque Isle, followed by Reports of the Churches. P. M., Topics for discussion.—In what way can non-church-goers be reached;—Our duty in regard to giving.—Evening—Praise service, —with addresses by Reva. G. W. Stearns, E. P. Eastman and G. W. Christie.

Sunday A. M.,—Sermon by Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten,—Rev. 21:16; "And the city lieth four-square, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth."—The unity of Christian doctrine. P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield—2nd Cor. 4:7, The Gospel Treasure. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. G. W. Stearns, and G. W. Christie.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the Washburn Memorial Church, Sherman, June 14, 15, 1884. Mr. Albion Merriman, of Island Falls, *Moderator*;—Sermons—Rev. Orlando H. White, D. D., of Boston—Isa. 49:4—Theme,—God's plans often misjudged by men; Rev. William Haynes, of Houlton, Mark 16:7, "Go your way, tell his disciples, and Peter, that he goeth before you into Galilee" etc., and Rev. George W. Christie, of Presque Isle—Luke 7:47, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loveth much," etc.—Discussions,—Revivals of Religion; Christian Joy. The work of the American Missionary Association was presented by Rev. O. H. White, D. D., of Boston.—Prayer and Praise Meetings were held. Gospel Temperance Meeting, on Sunday evening. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Dr. White, of Boston, and Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten.

GEORGE WARREN STEARNS, (Amherst Coll. 1878, Andover Sem. 1881) ordained at Patten, August 1, 1883, as Home Missionary. Council met at 2.30 P. M. Rev. Henry W. Jones, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., *Moderator*; Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Fort Fairfield, *Scribe*. Ordaining services, in the evening.—Preliminary exercises by the *Scribe*. Hymn from "Songs of the Sanctuary," Scripture reading, and prayer; Sermon by the *Moderator*, Prov. 24:30-32, "I went by the field," etc. \* \* \* and I \* \* "received instruction"—("Back to Barbarism"); Hymn; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Charge, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Houlton; Right hand, by Rev. Edward P. Eastman; Hymn; Benediction, Rev. George W. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns is supplying the churches in Patten and Island Falls. Commenced July 9, 1882.

Rev. WILLIAM HAYNES, (Bangor Sem. 1881,) acting pastor at Houlton, from July 1883.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, supplied a month at Caribou, in the Spring.

Rev. Edward P. Eastman, Fort Fairfield, delivered the Memorial Sermon before the G. A. R. Post, at that place.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, acting-pastor at Houlton, from Oct. 1, 1881, left Sept. 1883, to accept the appointment of Superintendent of Public Schools, in Biddeford. In August, during Mr. Snow's attendance upon the Chautauqua Sunday School Convention, South Framingham, Mass., Rev. Henry W. Jones supplied the pulpit in Houlton. Mr. S. was Secretary of the Congregationalists, of that Convention. He is also President of the Class of 1886 of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, now numbering 14,000 members.

The church in Sherman has reduced its indebtedness to \$25. and repainted the church edifice..... A series of Gospel meetings held at Fort Fairfield, during the spring.

Miss Isa A. Caldwell, of Sherman, died near Broad Junction, Gunnison Valley, California. Funeral and Memorial services, held in Congregational Church, Sherman, Dec. 9, 1883.

The Aroostook Union Sunday School Convention, at Caribou, Sept. 11, 12, 1883, and at Houlton, July 8, 9, 1884—Next meeting at Presque Isle, Rev. George W. Christie, of Presque Isle, President.

A Book, "The Rejected King" has been published, written by Rev. William T. Sleeper.

W. B. Eldridge completed a canvass of Aroostook County, north of Houlton. Families visited, 3117; families destitute, 943; individuals supplied, 334; miles travelled, 3000; value of Books sold and donated, \$943; donated \$128. Mr. Rollins canvassed south of Houlton.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Caribou, Henry W. Allan; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. George B. Page; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Passadumkeag;—Patten, Laroey Miles; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Charles Jackman.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Caribou, J. Elbridge; Carroll and Springfield;—Fort Fairfield, L. K. Cary; Houlton, George Getchell; Island Falls, Alpheus Craig; Lee,—Passadumkeag, (Union.) O. O. Stewart; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, Geo. E. Wilkins; Sherman, Dea. Frank M. Caldwell.

Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten, *Scribe, Reporter, and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting in Island Falls, September 20, 21, 1884.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851. The rules provide for a meeting the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of the Conference.

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Organized in Gorham, December 24, 1822, Annual meeting in June, other meetings in January and October, one day each.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 1883, a session of the Conference, was held with the Church in Gorham. Rev. Edward S. Tead of Cumberland Mills, *Moderator*. At 9 30 A. M. a Prayer Meeting, led by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Penobscot Conference. Discussions,—1. Study of the Bible as a means of grace, opened by John J. Gerrish and Rev. A. H. Wright, of Portland. 2. What is it to be spiritually minded, Revs. S. W. Adriance, of Woodfords and Francis Southworth, of Portland. 3. On Giving, (a) Biblical Standards, John M. Gould, of Portland, and the Moderator. (b.) As a part of Worship, W. S. Dana, and Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland. 4. Secret of a good prayer meeting, Newell W. Edson and Cullen C. Chapman, of Portland. 5. Abiding in Christ, the condition of bearing much fruit, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn. 3.15.—Ladies Missionary Meeting in the vestry. Aid was given towards building a church edifice in Milford, and the object commended to the churches. A resolution was adopted, thanking the President and Directors of the Maine Central Railroad for their decision not to run Sunday trains.

Conference Sermon, 2 P. M., Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of Portland. 1 Cor. 12:27. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof." The Lord's Supper administered.—Revs. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, and S. Winchester Adriance, of Woodfords, officiating. Characteristic of the meeting: (a) *External*—drenching rain all day. (b.) *Internal*—spiritual. Parts unusually well sustained.

A MEETING was held with the State Street Church, Portland, Jan. 23, 1884. Prentiss Loring, of Portland, *Moderator*. Devotional meeting, led by Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland. Topics for discussion,—1. The Laymen's part in our Conferences, opened by W. E. Gould, and Rev. E. E. Bacon; the remarks of the former are published in *Christian Mirror*, Feb. 2, under the heading "Petrified Sinners"—needing the searching truths of the Gospel to move men, as in the preaching of Edwards, Griffin, and Finney. 2. The Church and the Sunday School, opened by C. A. Woodbury and Rev. H. S. Huntington. 3. Individual effort for the Salvation of Souls, H. H. Burgess and Rev. E. T. Pitts. 4. Christian fellowship, Dea. Richard Abbott, and Rev. E. M. Cousins. 5. Spiritual power, the Moderator and Rev. L. H. Hallock. The first half-hour of the evening meeting was devoted to a Praise service of song. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Richard S. Whidden, of Standish, Gal. 6:9. "Let us not be weary in well doing," etc. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John G. Wilson, of Portland, and Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills.

"The themes of the discussions were all of the greatest importance, and the flow of thought and spiritual feeling advanced without intermission to the end." "Ample hospitality was afforded by the Ladies of State St. Church, and the meeting made one of the most agreeable and profitable in all respects." Reported, *Portland Press*, January 24. *Ch. Mir.* Jan. 29.

THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING with the Church at East Baldwin, June 11, 1884. Mr. William H. Pennell, of Portland, *Moderator*.

Topics discussed.—The Sunday School in a Scattered Community; the Constitutional Amendment on Temperance; Impure Literature. Resolutions on the last two subjects were published in *Ch. Mir.* June 14. Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, D. D., of Boston, addressed Conference, in behalf of the Am. Missionary Association. Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa, presented the report on the State of the Churches. Conference Sermon, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, 1 Peter 1:8, Theme—Christian Joy. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, and Charles L. Woodworth, D. D.

"There was a good attendance, and a vigorous meeting." "Unbounded hospitality, beautiful flowers, fine singing, and cordial welcomes, signalized the occasion, and attested the unabated interest in Christian worship and fellowship which was so conspicuous seven years ago, in the zeal and energy of the ladies of this place, in erecting the neat church edifice in which we met."

Rev. CHARLES HERBERT DANIELS, late of Cincinnati, O., (Amherst College, 1870; Union Sem., N. Y., 1873,) installed pastor of Second Church, (Payson Memorial) Portland, October 17, 1883. Council met at 3 P. M., Rev. William H. Feun, of High St. Church, Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa, *Scribe*. Installation services 7 P. M. Organ Voluntary; Anthem by the Choir. "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;" reading of the Minutes by *Scribe*; Invocation, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, Woodfords; hymn 1200, *The Church Hymn Book*,—"Hail, Thou God of grace and glory;" Sermon, Rev. Frank A. Warfield, of Brockton, Mass. Deu. 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms;" installing prayer, Rev. John J. Carruthers, D. D., a former pastor; charge, by the Moderator; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of State Street Church; address to people, Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Lowell, Mass., a former pastor; Hymn 81, "May the grace of Christ our Saviour;" prayer; Benediction, by the Pastor.

Reported in *Portland Press*, Oct. 18; *Ch. Mir.*, Oct. 20, with the statement of belief of Mr. D.; *Ambassador*, November.

Rev. LEAVITT HOMAN HALLOCK; (Amherst College, 1863; Theo. Ins. Conn. Hartford, 1866,) installed Pastor Williston Church, Portland, December 13, 1883. Council met at 2.30 P. M. Rev. William H. Fenn, of High St. Church, Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Second Church, Portland, *Scribe*. Installation services 7.30 P. M. Organ Voluntary; reading the Minutes of Council; Anthem, by the choir—"Lord of Heaven;"—invocation, by Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick; reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills; Singing by Choir and Congregation, Hymn 612, Hymns and Songs of Praise. "In the cross of Christ I glory" Tune, *Rathbun*; Sermon, Rev. William Taylor, D.D. of New York; Heb. 4:13 i.e. "Him with whom we have to do."—Our dealing with God, in all spheres of life; installing prayer, Rev. John J. Carruthers, D.D., Portland; Hymn by Choir and Congregation, 205, "How sweetly flowed the gospel's sound," Tune, *Duke St.*; Charge, Rev. John S. Sewall D. D., of Bangor Seminary; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of State St. Church, Portland; address to the people, Rev. S. Winchester Adriaance, of Woodfords; prayer, Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn; Selection by the choir. "Our Father, God, to Thee we come for blessing;" Doxology, by the Congregation, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" benediction by the Pastor.

The report in Ch. Mirror, Dec. 15, includes the declaration of faith as presented by Mr. H., and record of his dismissal Dec. 4, from the church in West Winsted, Ct.

Rev. EDGAR MILLARD COUSINS (Bowdoin 1877, Bangor, 1880.) installed Pastor of Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, June 12, 1884. Rev. Charles L. Daniels, of Portland *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, *Scribe*. Installation services.—Organ Voluntary; invocation, Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of Portland; reading the Scriptures, Rev. John G. Wilson, Portland; Anthem by choir.—"Give glory to the Lord;" Sermon by the Scribe, 1 Cor. 1:21. Theme—The place of preaching in God's Economy; installing prayer, Rev. Addison Blanchard, Denver, Col. a former pastor; Hymn 985, (Robinson's Ps. and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs) "We bid thee welcome;"—charge, Rev. S. Winchester Adriaance, Woodfords; right hand, Rev. Edward E. Bacon, Saccarappa; address to people, Rev. Edward S. Tead, Somerville, Mass., a former pastor; Hymn, 938. "Sow in the morn, thy seed"; prayer, Rev. John B. Carruthers, of North Yarmouth; Benediction, by the Pastor.

Rev. ISAIAH PERLEY SMITH, (Bowdoin, 1858, Bangor, 1861) Acting-pastor, First Church, Falmouth, from Jan. 1, 1884.

Rev. FRANK E. CLARK, dismissed from Williston church, Portland, September 26, 1883.—Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, *Scribe*. Resignation of Mr. C., Ch. Mir., Sept. 15. Action of the church accepting the resignation. Ch. Mir., Sept. 22. Farewell sermon, Sept. 23, Col. 1:18. Christ the Head of the Christian Church.

Installed pastor of Phillips church, South Boston, Mass., Oct. 16, 1883. Sermon by Professor Wm. M. Barbour, Portland Press, Oct. 18. Took passage for Europe in the "City of Rome." June 14, 1884.

Rev. ARTHUR N. WARD, dismissed from First church, Falmouth, October 23, 1883. Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, *Scribe*. Mr. W. at Center Harbor, N. H.

Rev. EDWARD S. TEAD, pastor at Cumberland Mills, from Sept. 17, 1873, resigns March, 1884, and accepts call to Prospect Hill church, Somerville, Mass. Dismissed April 8, 1884. Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Portland, *Scribe*. Installed pastor at Somerville, May 8. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Withrow; right hand, Rev. F. E. Clark.

Rev. DWIGHT M. SEWARD, D. D., pastor of Plymouth church, Portland, from June 22, 1881, resigns April 6, 1884. Dismissed, June 25, 1884. Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. S. Winchester Adriaance, of Woodfords, *Scribe*. (Record, P. Press, June 26.) Plymouth church organized December 27, 1869, having been diminished by deaths and removals, and that section of the

ing supplied with church accommodations, it was judged best to dispose of urch edifice, and it has been sold to the Casco St. Free Will Baptist church. ouncil for advice was held at Standish, Jan. 30, 1884. Rev. Joseph Torrey of Yarmouth, *Moderator*; Rev. S. Winchester Adriaance, of Woodfords, *Scribe*. ed Ch. Mirror, Feb. 2.

William H. Fenn preached a discourse in High St. church, Dec. 30, on the ant Reformation in Switzerland, it being the 400th anniversary of the birth- Zwingle.

Edward P. Thwing, preached in the Second church, Sept. 23, appropriate to h anniversary of his ordination in Portland, Sept. 22, 1858. He referred to n experience and work, and some of the events that have occurred during ne. He had spent five summers in Europe, from Norway on the North, to in the South.

*Elizabeth.* The 150th Anniversary of the organization of the First church, Sept. 10, 1884. *Cumberland Mills.* The capacity of the church edifice for has been increased. Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor, formed 1884. *Portland Abyssinian church.* The church edifice improved; carpets, ss, and a communion set provided; a new fence surrounds the house. *High ch.* A travel-club formed, to discuss objects and places of interest in fornds. *Second church.* The Ambassador, for September, issued by a com- contains an alphabetical list of its resident members, with the year of their on to the church. Two were received in 1814; seven in 1827; nine, 1830—9. ninese class in the Sunday school, with their teachers, each member having a , had a reception Nov. 19. During the year the class have sent \$60, to assist ating a young Chinese Theological student at Tung Cho, China. For respon- adding in Sabbath worship, 450 copies of the Psalms have been provided for in audience-room, and 100 Spiritual Songs for the service of song in the

Three additional deacons chosen:—James W. Stevenson, Frederick D. w, Roscoe W. Turner. The sixty-first anniversary of the Sunday school, ay 11. Addresses were made by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, and the pastor. *erence Street church.* A christmas service was held at 11 A. M., Dec. 25. ogramme of which, prepared and neatly printed, had been distributed, with vitation to be present with the households. There were Christmas an- carols and hymns, responsive readings, a sermon and an offering. During torate of Rev. Abiel H. Wright, from 1871, there have been added to the ship of the church,—108 on confession; 55 by letter. The church is about a new Manual. *Bethel ch.* Twenty-five new libraries have been issued dur- year, and put on board vessels arriving in port, besides 1400 packages of and magazines. Report of Portland Seamen's Friends Society, P. Press, 1884. *Williston ch.* The third anniversary of Young People's Society for an Endeavor, held Feb. 1, 1884. Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock gave a series of s on the Sandwich Islands, in February and March. *West ch.* Second An- eeting of the Society of Christian Endeavor, April 27. Letter from Rev. t, Holbrook, D. D. Remarks by Rev S. W. Adriaance, and others. Reports ngratulations from five other similar organizations in the neighborhood. *aypa.* Repairs on the chapel have made it an attractive place.

LAND- CONGREGATIONAL CLUB, has met monthly from Nov. 12, 1883, to , 1884. The chief topics were,—Nov. 12, Discussion of the question, "Will ing of \$75,000 for the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, sed as a working capital, be a wise investment for the denomination, and for use of Christ"; introduced by Rev. Albert E. Dunning, Sec'y of the S. S. blishing Society, followed by Hon. Samuel B. Capen, President, and Rev. R. Meredith, D. D., of the Board of Managers. Members of the Club took the discussion, as they did in subsequent sessions, after the topics had been ced by the gentlemen named. Collations at 8:45 P. M. Dec. 10,—Rev. s A. Hill, D. D., of Portland, presented a paper on the lives of "Nero and

Mr. Frank M. Howe, of Boston, on Architecture, with allusions to recent ological discoveries at Assos, in Greece. Jan. 14, 1884, Annual meeting.

Ladies invited. Report of committees, and election of officers. Selections of music, by Mr. Samuel Thurston. Hon. Enoch Knight, of Portland, gave a summer sketch of an odd old family. Rev. A. E. Winship, of Boston, District Secretary of the New West Education Commission, spoke on "Mormonism, and what to do with it." Miss Sybil Carter, many years a teacher in Utah, followed on the same subject. Feb. 11, James P. Baxter, Esq., of Portland, read a paper entitled "Success." Rev. William H. Fenn, opened the discussion on "Modern phases of religious thought." March 10, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, opened the discussion on "The saving elements in modern civilization." April 18, Isaac W. Dyer, Esq., and Rev. Frank T. Bayley, on religious freedom in the United States. May 12, Address by Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D. D., of Boston, on the present condition and attitude of the church, in view of the speculation and criticism which is rife; and the true and enlightened work of woman, a potent influence in saving the world from sin and wretchedness; followed by addresses from Revs. Henry Blanchard, and Asa Dalton, Portland, and Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn. Lady friends were invited. Music by State St. choir.

Officers elected Jan. 14, William E. Gould, *President*; Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D., Rufus H. Hinckley, *Vice-Presidents*; Richard Abbott, *Secretary*; Jotham F. Clark, *Treasurer*; George M. Leiders, *Auditor*; Albert L. Burbank, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, Samuel Thurston, *Nominating Committee*.

The CHRISTIAN MIRROR, with the beginning of Vol. 63, No. 1, Jan. 5, 1884, was increased from four pages to eight, presenting a large amount of reading, adapted to the needs of the churches and people of Maine, to whom its increased circulation is commended. It is the sixth enlargement of the paper, and the most marked of any. The size of the first issue in 1822, was 18x22, four pages, containing 400 square inches; the present size is 44x30, eight pages, containing 1320 square inches. The other enlargements were in 1823, '26, '33, '45 and '75.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach, a daughter of B. F. Cutter, of Standish, is President of an efficient Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in Washington, D. C. Letter Ch. Mirror, Oct. 6.—Miss Lucia F. E. Kimball addressed a meeting in State St. church, Sabbath eve, Oct. 14, on the necessity of trained forces for the temperance cause. The Sunday schools of Portland, met in mass meeting at City Hall, Portland, Dec. 31. Addresses by clergymen and others.—Address in City Hall, Portland, Jan. 20, 1884, by Rev. Abiel H. Wright.—The Second church, Portland, have a committee on Temperance, and have several meetings during the year.—The annual meeting of the Reform Clubs of the State, was held in Saccarappa, March 5, 6, 1884.

Miss M. L. Minott, a missionary among the poor whites of Tennessee, addressed a meeting in Williston church, Portland, Sabbath eve, Sept. 9, 1883, and in Plymouth church, Portland, Sabbath eve, Oct. 21. Miss Sybil Carter, in behalf of the New West Education Commission, spoke at Cumberland Mills, Sabbath eve, Jan. 13, '84. Mrs. Amelia S. Quinton, Gen. Secretary of the Woman's National Indian Association, lectured in Portland, Jan. 20. Rev. S. Annear, of England, gave a lecture at Cumberland Mills, April 6, on his travels and missionary work in Africa. A Young Ladies' Mission Band, organized in Portland, March 8, 1884, for shares at \$10 each in Tung Cho Dispensary, China. The Maine Bible Society held its 74th annual meeting in High St. church, Portland, May 25, 1884. Addresses by Rev. Dr. Peabody, Cambridge, Mass., Rev. W. H. Fenn, and Rev. A. K. P. Small, Portland. Devotional exercises, Rev. F. T. Bayley, and Rev. A. Dalton, Portland. Abstract of report, Ch. Mir., June 28. Rev. M. Berger, Secretary of the McCall Mission, in Paris, France, gave a sketch of the work at Second church, Portland, June 29. Rev. Dr. Carruthers conducting the devotional exercises.

PORTLAND YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Rev. Frank T. Bayley delivered an address on christian work, at their rooms, Sept. 12, 1883. The new rooms dedicated Oct. 4.—Addresses by Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D. D., Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., Rev. Frank T. Bayley, and others, with vocal and instrumental music. Electric lights are provided for the Hall.—Lecture by Prof. Henry Carmichael of Bowdoin College, on the Glaciers, Jan. 23,—by Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, of Bowdoin College, on John Hampden, the Patriot, Jan. 23.—The 31st anniversary held



in City Hall, April 9. Report by Secty. Winter. Addresses by the President, Dr. Carlton Kimball, Revs. C. H. Daniels, J. McWhinnie and L. H. Hallock.

**TEMPERANCE.**—Mass Convention at Sebago Lake, Aug. 4, 5, 1883. The first was children's day. Woman's meeting, 1 P. M. Addresses by Gov. Robie, Mrs. Barstow, Revs. L. Luca, and M. Todd.—The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Portland Sept. 22. One Director is chosen from each religious Society.—Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., made his annual visit to Portland, in September, and on the 23d inst., gave a temperance address at Saccarappa, and was present also at the meeting of the Cumberland Temperance Association, on the 26th inst. In Washington, D. C., he presented his report as Secretary of the Congressional Temperance Society, at its annual meeting in February, 1884.—A Citizens' League, formed in Portland, March 18.—Addresses by Rev. A. K. P. Small, on Fast day, April 17, repeated in City Hall, May 11, published in Ch. Mir. May 8.—Rev. F. T. Bayley repeated his discourse before the League, in City Hall, June 15.

**NECROLOGY.**—Ann Louisa P. Lord, Portland, Aug. 18, 1883, æt. 66. Ob. J. J. C. Ch. Mir. Sept. 1. .... Hon. Edwin Oscar Hall, of the Sandwich Islands, at the residence of his father-in-law, Rev. Charles Dame, Falmouth, Sept. 19, æt. 73. Mr. H. was an agent of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., and of the Morning Star, at the Islands, and has held office in the Hawaiian Government. .... Dea. James Crie, Portland, Sept. 22, æt. 77. An officer in Plymouth church, and previously in the Third church. Ob. D. C. C., Ch. Mir., Oct. 13. Dea. Crie's wife died in Portland, Oct. 24, æt. 73. .... Caroline Kellogg, Portland, Dec. 4, æt. 75, last surviving daughter of Rev. Gardner Kellogg, pastor at Windham, 1811 to 1826. .... Mrs. Lucretia Ambrose Walker, Pittsford, Vt., Dec. 3, æt. 75, widow of Rev. Charles Walker, and mother of Rev. Geo. Leon Walker. Ob. Cong'l'st, Dec. 13, Boston Advertiser, Dec. 20. .... Dea. Samuel Clinton Merrill, Portland, Dec. 21, æt. 32. Officer in St. Lawrence St. church. W. in Ch. Mir. Jan. 19, 1884. .... Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Hon. William W. Thomas, Portland, April 23, 1884, æt. 72. Ob., Portland Press, May 6, Ch. Mir. May 24. .... In Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Mary W., wife of Dea. Erastus Hayes, formerly of Portland, æt. 80.—In Somerville, Mass., May 10, Miss Marcia L. Dunlap, formerly of Portland, æt. 48.—Dea. Daniel Evans, many years an officer in High St. ch. Portland, July 19, æt. 71.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Baldwin, Mrs. E. A. Richardson; Cape Elizabeth First, Mrs. Margaret Flint, Portland; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonla, David W. Lewis; Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham, Deering First, Dea. Hiram H. Dow, 99 Oak St., Portland; Deering, Woodfords Corner, Frederic N. Chapman; Falmouth, First church, William P. Merrill, West Falmouth; Falmouth, Second church, Henry L. Waite; Gorham, Stephen Hinckley; Portland, Second, F. D. Winslow; High St., Richard Abbott; Fourth, Rev. John G. Wilson; Bethel, Rev. F. Southworth; State street, Edward P. Oxnard, 91 Winter street; St. Lawrence street, George W. Duffett; West Congregational, Miss Adriana M. Carlton, 1020 Congress street; Plymouth, Lyman D. Nelson; Williston, Franklin Agge, 15 Cushman street; Saccarappa Second, Dea. Harlan P. Murch; Scarboro, Rev. H. G. Storer; Standish, Miss Abby M. Lowell; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS**—Baldwin, Miss Emily J. Brown; Cape Elizabeth First, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Ligonla, Daniel W. Lewis; Cumberland Mills, Erwin B. Newcomb; (Deering First,) Deering, Woodfords Corner, H. H. Nevens; Falmouth First, Daniel W. Lunt; Falmouth Second, Peter N. Marston; Gorham, John A. Hinckley; Portland, Second, Roscoe W. Turner; High street, Richard Abbott; Abyssinian Fourth, Alfred F. Clark; Bethel, John M. Gould; State street, Ansel G. Dewey; St. Lawrence street, Benjamin Thompson; West, John C. Roberts; Plymouth, Edward C. Chamberlain; Williston, T. F. Jeffers; Saccarappa, Edwin J. Haskell; Scarboro, Simon Libbey; Standish, Parker F. Paine; Windham, Joseph W. Doughty.

Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Knightville, Cape Elizabeth, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next meeting with the church at Saccarappa, October 23, 1884.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August and November. *Members.*—Minutes 1879, p. 90.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Scribe of Association.*

### CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Formed in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

The Semi-Annual Meeting, was held with the church in Turner, Oct. 16, 17, 1883.—Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, *Moderator pro tem.* Topics discussed,—1. The Sunday School; how can it be made more interesting and profitable? 2. What shall our churches do for a Catechism? 3. What can be done to arrest the growing tendency to desecrate the Lord's day? Resolutions were passed expressive of its emphatic condemnation of this growing evil. 4. Infant Baptism; shall it die out in our churches? 5. What can be done for churches too destitute to support preaching? Conference Sermon, Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, Rom. 8:28. Theme—Certain indispensable truths underlying the doctrine of the Sovereignty of God. Sermon, Rev. Charles A. White, of Mechanic Falls, 1 Cor. 11:26 "As oft as ye eat this bread," etc. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Samuel W. Pearson, of Harpswell, and Preston B. Wing, of Freeport.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church at Harpswell Center, June 10, 11, 1884. Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn, *Moderator.* Sermons, Rev. Richard H. McGown, of Turner, Heb. 12: 2, "Looking unto Jesus"; and the Moderator, 1 Cor. 13: 12, "Now we see in a mirror darkly," etc. Topics discussed,—1. The christian believer. (a) Duties. (b) Privileges. (c) Responsibilities 2. The duty of the church to its non-resident members. 3. Should any method of exit from church membership other than excommunication and dismissal, ever be practiced? 4. What should be the attitude of the church on the temperance question? 5. Activities of the church. Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Secretary of the American Peace Society, was present, and rendered efficient help. Rev. James Powell, of New York, represented the interests of the American Missionary Association. His address was enjoyed by all. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Rowland B. Howard, of Massachusetts, and Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth.

One of the most interesting incidents connected with this most successful Conference, occurred at the early morning prayer-meeting, on the last day, when six young men arose and signified their desire to begin the christian life.

It was the first time, so far as can be ascertained, that a County Conference was ever held with this ancient church. After the Conference had adjourned, Rev. Dr. Westwood, of Auburn, preached to the children.

REV. HENRY CLAY WESTWOOD, D. D., (Baltimore Coll., 1848, Theo. private course, 1858), installed pastor of the High St. Congregational church, Auburn, Dec. 3, 1883. Council met at 3 P. M., Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Preston B. Wing, *Scribe.* Installation services at 7:30 P. M. Organ Voluntary; Anthem by the choir, "The radiant moon has passed away." (Woodward.) Record, by the Scribe; Scripture reading, 2 Cor. 8d chapter: prayer; Evening Hymn,—*"On high now the stars are shining."* (Rheinberger.) Sermon, by Rev. Prof. George Harris, of Andover Seminary, Exo. 1: 2, 3, God revealing himself progressively. Installing prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; selection by the choir,—*"Faith,"* arranged from Rockie, by B. F. Wood; right hand, Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick; charge, by the Moderator; address to the people, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of South Boston, Mass.; hymn, from the Book of Praise,—*"We bid thee welcome"*; prayer; benediction by the pastor.

Reported in Lewiston Journal, Dec. 4.

REV. SAMUEL WIGGIN PEARSON, (Bowdoin, 1862; Bangor, 1866), acting pastor at Harpswell, from June 17, 1833. Rev. John Dinwiddie, from May 11, 1884.

Rev. Charles A. White, of Mechanic Falls, supplies also, part of the time, West Minot and Hebron.

REV. GEORGE MILTON HOWE, late of Princeton, Mass., (Amherst Coll., 1871; Andover Sem., 1874), installed pastor Pine St. church, Lewiston, Feb. 13, 1884. Council met at 3 P. M., Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Lewiston, *Moderator*; Mr. Albert G. Dewey, of Portland, *Scribe*. Installation Services, 7 P. M. 1. Organ prelude, by R. C. Pennell, "The Shepherd." 2. Anthem, by the choir,—a double quartette,—"The Lord is my light, and my salvation"—*Clarke*. At the close of the Anthem the congregation rose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." 3. Remarks by the Moderator, closing by congratulating both church and pastor. 4. Reading of the Minutes, by the Scribe. 5. Invocation, Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester. 6. Reading of Scripture, Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn. 7. Hymn by Choir and Congregation, "We bid thee Welcome," Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport. 8. Sermon, Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. 1 Cor. 9:22. "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 9. Prayer of Consecration, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland. 10. Response. 11. Charge to Pastor, Rev. Elijah Kellogg, of Topsham. 12. Right hand of fellowship, by the Moderator. 13. Anthem, by the choir, "I will give you Pastors." R. C. Pennell. 14. Address to the people, Rev. G. S. Dickerman of Amherst, Mass. (a former pastor.) 15. Prayer, Rev. Francis T. Bayley of Portland. 16. Response. 17. Hymn, read by Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth—Choir and Congregation. "Father, by Thy heavenly blessing." 18. Benediction, by the Pastor. 19. Organ Voluntary. Reported in Lewiston Journal, Feb. 14. First Sermon, L. Journal, Feb. 19.

JOHN BURR CARBUTHERS (Bangor Sem., 1880) acting-pastor at North Yarmouth from January 1, 1884.

Rev. George S. Dickerman dismissed from Pine Street Church, Lewiston, July 20, 1883—see Records 1883, p. 74. Installed pastor, First Church, Amherst, Mass. Sept. 19, 1883.

Rev. Francis W. Sanborn, pastor of Central Church, Yarmouth, from 1878, Dec. 18, resigns—Dismissed, May 23, 1884. Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, *Scribe*. Post-office address, Marblehead, Mass.

Rev. John S. Batchelder acting pastor at West Auburn, from Apr. 23, 1882, died Jan. 27, 1884. (see Necrology.)

Prof. Alpheus Spring Packard, of Brunswick, died suddenly at Squirrel Island, Sabbath P. M., July 13, 1884, (see Necrology.)

Rev. George M. Howe, of Lewiston, delivered the Memorial address before the Custer Post, G. A. R., Lewiston, Sabbath eve, May 25, 1884. Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn, at Auburn; and Rev. Ebenezer Bean, at Gray.

Rev. Joseph K. Greene, D. D., and wife, for twenty-five years missionaries in Turkey, visiting their former home in Lewiston, and vicinity July, 1884. They will return to Constantinople next winter.

The church edifice at South Freeport was burned to the ground, just before service, Sunday A. M., March 16, 1884. It is supposed that the fire caught from some defect in the furnace. The furniture, carpets, books, library and organ were removed. The bell was destroyed. Loss \$3000. No insurance. An effort is making to rebuild.

*Auburn, High St. Church*.—"The Literary and Social Union."—organized Dec. 7, 1883. Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., President....*Gray*.—The interior of the church edifice painted, frescoed, and provided with new carpets. Rev. E. A. Whittier, Evangelist, aided in special meetings....*Lewiston*.—A Parsonage purchased. The Ladies provide a Box of clothing for Miss Minott's school of poor whites, in Tennessee....*Minot Center*.—Church edifice repaired and improved.

Expense \$500....*Minot West*.—Rev. Charles A. White of Mechanic Falls preaches here every other Sabbath....*New Gloucester*.—The Busy-Bees, is the name given to a society of young people, for missionary study and work, under the superintendence of the Pastor's wife, Mrs. Ella B. Kelsey. By one fair and sale, they obtained \$40. Mrs. Sarah Bradbury, gives \$100 to the church in N. G. and \$200 each to the Maine Missionary Society, and to the Maine General Hospital....*Turner*—The church edifice painted on the outside.

Rev. William F. Bickford, of Manitou, Col. presented the Home Mission work in Colorado to audiences in Lewiston, Auburn, and other places, in October—and delivered his lecture "In the heart of the Rocky Mountains."....*Miss M. L. Minott* presented at Pine St. Church, Lewiston, the condition and needs of the poor whites in Tennessee....*Rev. A. E. Winship*, District Secretary at Boston, of the New West Education Commission, presented the claims of that Society in Brunswick, in Feb. 1884....*Rev. Marshall M. Cutter*, Dia. Sec. Am. Tract Soc., at Boston, presented its work in New Gloucester, May 18, 1884, and a lecture in the evening, on Castle Garden, New York, and some of its problems....*Rev. Addison Blanchard*, of Denver, Col., spoke of his mission field in the New West, at Cumberland, July 6.

Androscoggin Sunday School Convention, held at Lisbon Falls, Oct. 17, 1883.

Prof. Frank L. Hayes, formerly of Hillsdale College, appointed Secretary of the Lewiston Young Men's Christian Association, and entered upon his duties, Dec. 1, 1883. Anniversary of Asso. April 20, 1884, Addresses by R. H. Shelton, Gen. Sect'y at Worcester Mass., and Rev. George M. Howe.—Anniversary of Auburn Y. M. C. A. April 20. Addresses by Rev. George H. Cook, Charlestown, Mass. Rev. H. C. Westwood, and Pastors Hall, and Bakeman.—Edward Duryea, appointed Secretary, July 1884.

Ex.-Gov. Dingley on Prohibition of the liquor traffic, Ch. Mirror, Aug. 4, '83, and in Lewiston Journal.

The semi-annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held in Brunswick, Oct. 25, 1883. The President, Mrs. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, presiding. Letters read from Miss Grace Kimball, Van, Turkey, and Miss Lord, of the Home at Constantinople. Remarks by Mrs. O. P. Allen, of the Harport Mission, Mrs. Peaseley, of Auburn, and Miss Sears of the Girl's School, Marden, Turkey. A paper was read by Mrs. Langley, entitled,—“Why should I be interested in Missions?”—A collation was provided at noon, in the vestry of the Congregational Church.

NECROLOGY.—Mrs. Nancy McKeen Lewis, daughter of the late Joseph McKeen, of Brunswick, in Norfolk, Conn. Aug. 19, 1883.—Mrs. Sarah F. wife of Rev. Richard Wickett, in Pownal, Dec. 26. set 30. Funeral sermon by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, 1. Cor. 15:5-7.—Mrs. William Bradbury, in New Gloucester, Dec. 30, Ob. Ch. Mirror, March 2, '84.—Jeremiah Loring, in Yarmouthville, Jan. 12, 1884, set 81.—David Merrill, in Pownal, Jan. 12 set 83.—Miss Francis A. Earle, formerly of Brunswick, a sister of Mrs. Geo. F. Magoun, D. D., in Waterbury, Ct. March 31, set 43, Ob. by M., Ch. Mirror April 12.—Edward Chapin, in Pownal, June 19, eldest son of Rev. Perez Chapin, first pastor at Pownal. Mrs. Eleanor Prince, in Lewiston, July 4, set 94.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, W. A. Robinson; Auburn Sixth street. F. A. Haskell; Auburn West, Henry M. Packard; Brunswick First, John Furbush; Cumberland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Durham, William Y. Osgood, West Durham; Freeport, Rev. Preston B. Wing; Freeport South, Rev. Horatio Isley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, William C. Eaton; Lewiston Pine Street, Fred B. Sands; Lisbon Falls, Mrs. George W. Coombs; Mechanic Falls, Edward F. Stevens; Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw, Auburn P. O.; Hebron and West Minot, William Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Rev. F. D. Kelsey; North Yarmouth, E. O. Morrill; Poland, F. A. Pulsifer; Pownal, Azor Mitchell, East North Yarmouth; Turner, Herbert F. Dresser; Yarmouth First, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central, E. D. Freeman.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Auburn, High St., Henry W. Oaks; Auburn Sixth St., William Hayes; West Auburn, Henry M. Packard; Brunswick, Prof. John Avery; Cumberland, Oren S. Thomas; Durham, James H. Eveleth; Freeport, Wm. A. Davis; Freeport South, George F. Fogg; Gray, John Merrill; Harpswell, Paul C. Randall; Lewiston, Frederic B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. D. Holt; Minot Center, Wm. H. Davis; Minot West, and Hebron, Greenleaf Millett; West Minot; New Gloucester, Joseph E. Bayley; North Yarmouth, N. S. Shurtliff; Poland, Rev. C. A. White; Pownal, Perez Chapin; Turner, J. T. Cushing, M. D.; Yarmouth First, A. L. Loring; Yarmouth Central, Barnabus Freeman.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, *Registrar and Treasurer*. Next meeting at West Minot, October 21, 1884.

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### FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting Second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1830.

**THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church in Temple, June 10, 11, 1884. Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton, *Moderator*. Topic discussed.—1. The work of the Holy Spirit; (a.) the power; (b.) the work; (c.) the hindrance; introduced by Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, Phillips. Address by Rev. C. H. Pope of Farmington, on the prayer and conference meeting. A paper on "How to meet the scepticism of the age," was sent by Rev. J. Lawrence Hill, of New Sharon, and was followed by a discussion. A praise meeting introduced the service Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday, at 5.45 P. M. Devotional exercises at 8.45 A. M., led by Mr. Elijah W. Dutton, of New Sharon. Rev. C. H. Pope, reported his visit as Committee to Bangor Seminary—Rev. George W. Moore, of Washington D. C. presented the claims of the American Missionary Association. A collection was taken in aid of their work. Amount, \$20.—Tribute given in memory of Rev. Stephen Titcomb, of Farmington; Dea. Cullom D. Sewall, of Farmington, and Dea. F. M. Howes, of New Sharon. A Temperance session was held; the constitutional amendment approved. The Report of the churches showed an encouraging outlook. A Woman's Missionary meeting was held Tuesday P. M. Conference sermon, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, 2 Cor. 2: 14—16, Man judged by God for his faithfulness, and not by his success. Lord's supper administered by the Moderator and Preacher, Deacons Frye, Temple and Greenwood.

Rev. CHARLES H. POPE, installed pastor of the church in Farmington, June 5, 1883. *Minutes, 1883*, p. 77.

Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, supplying church in Rupert, Vt., from November, 1883.

Bates S. Rideout, supplying the church in Strong, from April 1, 1883, is now Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Bristol, Conn.

Rev. Stephen Titcomb, pastor in Weld, 1855—'67, died in Farmington, Jan. 22, 1884, *æt* 75. (See Necrology.)

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, pastor at Farmington, 1860—'70, elected Secretary of the American Peace Society. *Lewiston Journal*, Apr. 1 and 7, 1884.

Rev. George A. Gordon, at Temple, 1875—'78, installed pastor Old South church, Mass., April 2, 1884. *Lewiston Journal*, April 2, 1884, Cong'l't, April 10.

The old church in Farmington built in 1803, and used of late years for a Court House, is to be taken down and a fine new Court House is to be erected on the spot.

The vestry at Wilton is finished, and was used during the week of prayer. Cost including furnishing \$800; of which amount \$400, was the dying gift of Mrs. Dea. Seth Bass. The chandelier was presented by an absent member.

Mr. E. S. Swift, of Wilton, has the manuscript sermons of Rev. Isaac Rogers, thirty-two years pastor of the church at Farmington. They are arranged in volumes with paper covers, each containing six sermons.

Union Sunday School Convention at Farmington, Sept. 20, 1883.

Franklin County Teachers Association, at Farmington, Nov. 16, 17.

Rev. Charles P. Thwing son of Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, Farmington, called to Professorship of History, in Oberlin Seminary, Ohio, and Secretary of Am. Coll. and Ed. Soc., declines both.

NECROLOGY.—Dea. Francis M. Howes, in New Sharon, June 22, 1883, æt 58, Clerk of the church,.... Mrs. Bass, wife of Dea. Seth Bass, died in Wilton, July 13, 1883,.... Dea. Cullom D. Sewall, in Farmington, Nov. 4 æt 63. Deacon of the church in Chesterville, and later at Farmington. A descendant of Father Jotham Sewall.... Mrs. Lydia A. Titcomb, in Farmington, Dec. 26. A former preceptress of Farmington Academy; cousin of the late Jacob and John S. C. Abbott.... Mrs. Olive, wife of Rev. Fred E. Emrich, in Wilton, June 10, 1884, Ob. Advance June 19.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Dea. Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. Julia G. Brown; Industry, William M. Bryant; New Sharon, Dea. H. Wyman; New Vineyard, John McLean; Phillips, Cornelia T. Crosby; Strong, J. M. Kempton; Temple, H. L. Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Fry; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Farmington, J. Warren Merrill; Farmington Falls, B. F. Watson; Allen's Mills, (F. Falls,) William J. Rackliff; Industry, Wm. J. Rackliff; New Sharon, Dea. H. Wyman; New Vineyard, Samuel B. Luce; Phillips, Lyman Bunnell; Strong, George Webster; Temple, Dea. S. Wilder; Weld, Abiel Holt; Wilton, N. W. Sewall.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton, *Reporter*; Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer*.

Next meeting in New Vineyard, or New Sharon, June 9, 10, 1885.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION included in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church at Orland, October 9, 10, 1883. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator*. Topics for remark,—The piety we need, in its evangelical, intelligent and progressive features, was opened by Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Deer Isle, Alfred J. McGown, of Bar Harbor, and Albert N. Jones, of Mt. Desert, followed by Dr. Tenney and others. Tuesday evening,—a Sunday school service. Wednesday morning,—Reports from the churches. Conference sermon, by Rev. Alfred J. McGown, John 7:46. The manner, matter and authority of Christ's preaching. Lord's Supper administered by the *Moderator* and preacher.

The attendance was good.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the First church, Deer Isle, May 26, 27, 1884, Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Bar Harbor, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth, 1 Cor. 15:3, 4. Subject,—Facts the basis of Christianity. Conference Sermon by the *Moderator*, John 20:13. Subject, The attempt to remove Christ from christianity. Topics discussed,—1. The piety we need.—Intelligent, evangelical, self-denying. Full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

amplified in daily life. Progressive and firm. 2. The Sunday school, (in different sects.) Rev. O. H. White, D. D., of Boston, presented the work of the Am. Missionary Association.

Communion service,—Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, and Rev. William Rayth, of Bucksport.

REV. CHARLES HENRY GATES, (Amherst, 1847; Andover, 1850,) acting pastor at Bar Isle from April 8, 1883. He has three out stations where he preaches.

REV. JOSEPH EMERSON SWALLOW, of Edgartown, Mass., (Dartmouth, 1843; Dover, 2 years; Union S., 1848,) acting pastor at Somesville, from 1883, Nov. 18.

JOSEPH SEWALL, (Williams C., 1808; Bangor S., 1872,) acting pastor at Castine, in January, 1884.

CHARLES SAMUEL WILDER, (Williston Sem., 1881; Colby,) acting pastor at Bluehill, from March 23, 1884.

REV. AMOS REDLON, acting pastor at Southwest Harbor, from June 1, 1884. New church edifice is in process of erection.

Salem Darius Towne, *Licentiate*, supplying at Ellsworth Falls, from June 1, 1884.

REV. GEORGE S. KEMP, acting pastor at West Brooksville, from 1877 to 1881,—moved to Douglass, Mass., March, 1883.

James D. Smiley closed his labors at West Brooksville, April 20, 1884.

Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., and his wife arrived at Peking, North China, Nov. 19, 1883, on their return from the United States.

Rev. Fred. D. V. Garretson, at Ellsworth, 1873—'76, has an article in *Home Missionary* for May, p. 17, respecting his work at Lake Preston, Dakota.

*Deer Isle, First*.—The church edifice newly painted. Notice in *Ch. Mir.*, Sept. 1. Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor formed February, 1884.

*Mt. Desert*.—S. W. Harbor. The outside of a new church edifice is completed; it when finished, \$3100. The people have given generously. The Ladies' Sewing Circle paid \$500. There is need of \$500 help outside. Who will aid?

*Somesville*.—The church receives the income of \$5000, the gift of Nehemiah Kidge, Esq., of Bangor, in remembrance of his father's connection with that church. Mr. E. B. Stillson presented the claims of the Am. Bible Society, at Castine, March 16, 1884.

Capt. George W. Lane, Sunday school missionary, of the Coast Island Missions the summer and fall, continued his work, which he had pursued the two previous years.... Union Sunday School Association of Mt. Desert, met at Bar Harbor, Nov. 16, 1884, Rev. A. N. Jones, President. Addresses by him, Rev. A. J. McGown, Bar Harbor, Rev. J. E. Swallow, of Somesville, and others. "Spirited, practical and spiritual".... A session held at N. W. Harbor, June 4.

Hancock Educational Association, at Brookline, Nov. 2, 3, 1883.... Prof. Rolliston Goodbury gave the Baccalaureate discourse at Normal Academy, Castine, June, 84, on Education—physical, intellectual, and moral.

At a temperance meeting held in the Town Hall, Castine, Aug. 5, 1883, addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Riddell, of Hartford Seminary, Conn., Rev. George M. Adams, of Holliston, Mass., Rev. Joel S. Ives, of East Hampton, Conn., and others.

The Sunday schools in Castine, held a union temperance meeting October, 1883.

Rev. James E. Rankin, D. D., of Washington, D. C., has a letter in *Cong'l't*, Aug. 30, 1883, from Bar Harbor, headed, "Hundred harbored Maine"; a second letter, from Deer Isle and Bar Harbor, Sept. 30.

Died in Bluehill, Oct. 13, 1883, Mr. John Clough, set 87.... Annie Shepardson, in West Brooksville. Ob. *Cong'l't*, Nov. 15.... Roswell Silsby, in Amherst, Dec. 23, 1884. Superintendent of schools 35 years. Selectman, Town Clerk and Postmaster many years.... Mrs. Lucy S. Adams, widow of Dea. Samuel Adams, in Castine, April 20, 1884, set 80. Ob. *Ch. Mir.*, May 10.... Mrs. Ruth Skinner, wife of Rev. Fred L. Skinner, in Bucksport, May 22.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Amherst and Aurora, Everett W. Silsby, Aurora; Bar Harbor, John H. Pressey; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, Mrs. George M. Farnham; Bucksport, Albert W. Page; Castine, Frederic T. Case; Deer Isle First, Leroy Gates; Deer Isle Second, Franklin Closson, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Mrs. Elcy C. Turner; Orland, Aaron P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. Simeon Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D.J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Somesville, E. Babson, Mt. Desert; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Amherst and Aurora, Charles Silsby; Bar Harbor, A. E. Conners; Bluehill, Eben W. Mayo; Brooksville West, Simeon P. Tapley; Bucksport, Silas Adams; Castine, Alfred Adams; Deer Isle First, P. P. Johnson; Deer Isle Second, Franklin Closson, No. Deer Isle; Ellsworth, George P. Dutton; Isle au Haut, (Union,) Mrs. Elcy S. Turner; Orland, Leander Page; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Emily Blodgett; Sedgwick Village——; Somesville, E. E. Babson; Tremont, (Mt. Desert,) Thomas Clark; Centre and Pretty Marsh, (Union,) M. Smith; S. W. Harbor, (Union,) S. S. Newman and Thomas Clark; Gott's Island, (Union,) Enoch Moor, P. O. Tremont; Seal Cove, (Union,) Benjamin Sawyer.

Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting at Bar Harbor, Oct. 7, 8, 1884, or when committee appoints.

**HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.** Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Re-organized at Bluehill, Nov. 10, 1840. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August and November. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 91. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Castine, *Scribe*.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823. Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENNEBEC CONFERENCE**, was held with the church in Litchfield, October 16, 17, 1883. Rev. William F. Obeare, of Winthrop, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon by Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond, Gen. 50:19, Man, a Providence of God. Conference Sermon by the Moderator, Luke 17:5—Lord, Increase our Faith.—Topics for discussion.—1. The subject of the opening sermon. 2. The best methods of securing a revival of religion in the church, and the community, opened by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell. 3. In what does the supreme authority of the Bible consist, opened by Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell. 4. The characteristics of a successful church. Rev. H. F. Harding, gave some points in the history of the church at Machias, which recently observed its centennial. 5. The religion for the times, Rev. John B. Carruthers, of Monmouth. Tuesday eve.—Opened with a promise and prayer meeting.—led by Dea. G. F. Hawes.

Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, and John B. Carruthers, Deacs. Lombard, of Augusta, and Bragdon, of Monmouth.

"The meeting was pronounced by all to have been one of our best."

The SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING with the church at Vassalboro, in Adams Memorial Chapel, June 10, 11, 1884, Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Moderator*. Topics for discussion. 1. Church members. (a.) Their obligations to the church, opened by Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, Gardiner. (b.) to the community. Rev. Thomas P. Williams, Winslow. (c.) to Foreign Missions, Mr. John B. Bradbury, Waterville. 2. What claims have the children upon the Church—opened by Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville. 3. The relation of the church to the Prohibitory amendment on the temperance question, Rev. Wm. F. Obeare, Winthrop, Rev. S. W. McIntyre, Waterville, President of State Alliance, and Deacs. Henry Woodward, Winthrop. The latter introduced resolutions favoring the constitutional amendment, which were adopted. 4. Christian growth. (a.) Its necessity, the Moderator; (b) hindrances and aids thereto, Dea. Henry Woodward. Sermons by



Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, of Augusta, 1 Cor. 2:12, 13. Subject,—The presence and power of the Holy Spirit; and Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell, John 6:70. Subject.—Representative Church members. Mr. H. R. Wilson, a young colored man, graduate of Atlanta University, Georgia, and Howard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., presented the work of the Am. Missionary Association.

Professor Lawrence Rolfe, Principal of the Hallowell Classical Institute, spoke on its behalf, and resolutions were adopted urging the State Conference to take some measures to aid it.

The Lord's supper administered by Revs. Josiah T. Hawes, and Thomas P. Williams.

The Report of the churches showed some small gains all along the line.

Two bountiful meals were served in a hall, near the chapel, which afforded opportunity for social and pleasant intercourse.

Rev. ARTHUR FESSENDEN SKEELE (Amherst, 1875, Hartford Sem. 1878, 9; Andover Sem. 1880, 1,) installed Pastor of South Church, Augusta, April 8, 1884. Council met at 2.30 P. M. Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Installation Services, 7 P. M. Organ voluntary; Reading of the Minutes, by Scribe; Anthem, "Te Deum," by the choir; Invocation, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, Winthrop; Reading the scriptures, Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond; Hymn 1064, (Sab. Hymn and Tune Book.) "We bid thee welcome;" Sermon, Rev. William J. Tucker, D. D., Andover, Mass., John 13:3-5. The ministry of Christ, and preparation for special work; installing prayer, by the Scribe; response; Charge, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, Andover, Mass.; "Gloria," by the choir; right hand, Rev. Wm. R. Richards, Bath; address to people, by the Moderator; Hymn 379, "All hail the power of Jesus name;" Doxology; Benediction by the Pastor.

Rev. JOHN B. CARBUTHERS, ordained at Monmouth, as an Evangelist, June 12, 1863. Records, 1883, p. 81, closed labors Dec. 1883. Accepts a call to North Yarmouth, Jan. 1, 1884.

Rev. RICHARD MACQUEEN PEACOCK; (Bangor Sem'y, 1878) acting pastor at Monmouth, from Jan. 6, 1884.

Rev. EDGAR F. DAVIS, acting pastor at Gardiner, from Feb. 1, 1881 resigns, July 1883. Called to Hamilton, Mass. Jan. 1884.

Rev. RICHARD WILLIAM JENKINS, (Bangor Sem. 1874) acting pastor at Gardiner, from Jan. 1, 1884.

Rev. HENRY F. HARDING, acting-pastor at Riverside, Vassalboro, from Oct. 1883. An effort is making to repair and remodel the house of worship.

Rev. Almon W. Burr, of Hallowell, has become Principal of Preparatory School, connected with Beloit College, Wisconsin.

Rev. Thomas G. Grassie, of Keokuk, Iowa, (at Richmond, Me. 1865-7,) appointed Secretary of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society.

Rev. David L. Davis, at Pittston, 1879-'82, late at Carbondale, Pa. accepts call to Morristown, N. Y.

ADAMS MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Vassalboro, dedicated October 31, 1883,—*Afternoon*,—Anthem, by the choir, "How beautiful are thy towers;" invocation, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; hymn, Rev. Francis Newport, of Gardiner; Scripture reading, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell; prayer Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Mr. Frederic G. Chutter, acting pastor, made a statement of the enterprise. The building and lot, cost \$2136. The pulpit was given by Mr. Rice; the chandelier, with twelve lights, by the Sunday School; the stained glass window, and the communion table by friends. The organ was paid for by pledges while he was speaking, and \$30 in addition. Hymn, by George Kent, Esq. only surviving class-mate of the late Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., "This house we dedicate to Thee"—read by Professor A. L. Lane, of Waterville; Sermon by Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, on Christian duty, and the demands of the church from its people; dedicatory prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; anthem, by the choir; benediction by

Rev C. H. Daniels. *Evening service*.—Anthem, by the choir; prayer, Rev. M. Goodenow, of the West; Reminiscences of Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., who was the minister in Vassalboro, from 1818 to 1834, and from 1864 to 1876, and in whose memory the chapel is named,—by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; essay, on Dr. Adams' College Life, by George Kent Esq., of Washington, D. C., read by Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick; singing; addresses by Rev. C. H. Daniels, of Portland, on the relation of the child to the church; Rev. E. N. Smith, of Waterville, on the relation of the Holy Spirit to Christian work; Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, and Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond, on the mutual relations of churches; singing; Prof. A. L. Lane, of Waterville, on the new obligations of the people; Rev. George D. B. Pepper, D. D., LL. D. President of Colby University, Waterville, on the true work of the church; anthem by the choir; benediction, by Rev. M. Eldrich.

At the close of the afternoon service, a pleasant time was passed at the supper table, where one hundred and fifty sat down. At the close of the evening service, Mr. Chutter's class of Colby University who came in a body to the dedication, had a social gathering at the Hall, with refreshments. Reported Lewiston Journal, Nov. 6, 1883.

A new parsonage provided at Hallowell, a gift to the Society—\$3000. The South Church, Augusta, have purchased and fitted up a parsonage, \$4000.

The church edifice at Winthrop has been painted within and without—and a new carpet provided. Expense \$550.

A new Chapel in Queen Anne style has been provided at Richmond, through the liberality of Mr. Levi Mustard, \$1200—The land given by Mrs. Marshall Hagar. Soon to be dedicated.

The Maine State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, held in Augusta, Oct. 26-28, 1883.... A Boy's branch of the Augusta Young Men's Christian Asso. formed Dec. 1883.... The Ladies Auxiliary to Y. M. C. A. gave a reception to the Association, and to the Dirigo Business College, New Year's Day.

The Maine State Temperance Alliance met at Gardiner, Jan. 30, 31, 1884.... Maine State Temperance Society, in Augusta, Feb. 6, 7.

Mrs. L. S. Bainbridge, of Providence, R. I., at Augusta, Feb. 1884, in behalf of Women's work among women.

NECROLOGY.—Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, in Monmouth. July 23, 1883, æt 76, Ob. J. B. C., Ch. Mir. Aug. 11. Boston Advertiser, Aug. 30. Mrs. Hannah H. Metcalf, his wife, in Monmouth, Nov. 18.... Dea. Josiah Melcher, in Waterville, Aug. 3, æt 74, Ob. Ch. Mir. Aug. 25.... Eva, only child of Rev. John B. Carruthers, in Buxton, Sep. 27.... Dea. Watson F. Hallett, in Augusta, Dec. 17, æt 87. Deacon in South Church thirty-four years; President of Freeman's Bank, twenty-seven years.... Miss Martha W. Emmons, in Hallowell, Jan. 27, 1884, sister of Rev. Henry V. Emmons, and grand daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Emmons. Congl'st Feb. 14.... Mrs. Susan L. widow of William Nye, in Augusta April 26, æt 72.... Hon. Peter F. Sanborn, in Hallowell, May 13, æt 73, President American Bank; Trustee Hallowell Classical School, etc.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Marcia E. Lunt, Benton Falls; Clinton, Fannie O. Chase, a. c.; Gardiner, C. E. Dearing; South Gardiner, William A. Lawrence; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, Asa P. Smith; Monmouth, Joseph G. Gott; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, Dea. Benjamin F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Miss A. H. Snell, Riverside; Adams Memorial Ch., Getchell's Corner, Edgar Durham; Waterville, Joseph L. Town; Winslow, George W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Henry Woodward.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Augusta, Dea. George F. Hawes; Benton, William K. Lunt; Clinton, (Union,) George Parkman; Gardiner, James M. Larabee; Gardiner South, Greenleaf Lawrence; Hallowell, J. Edwin Nye; Litchfield, David T. Smith; Monmouth, J. G. Gott; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, Arthur L. Thomas; Sidney.—; Vassalboro, Riverside, O. P. Robbins; Vassalboro, Getchell's Corner, Fred'c G. Chutter; Waterville, Increase Robinson; Winslow, John F. Howard; Winthrop, Dea. George Packard.

Rev. Francis Newport, of South Gardiner, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Semi-annual meeting of Kennebec Conference, at Winslow, Oct., 8, 9, 1884, Annual meeting, in Richmond, June 9, 10, 1885.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, were united April 23, 1807. Annual meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. *Members, Minutes 1879, p. 91.* Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, *Scribe.*

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting, Tuesday before the second Wednesday in June.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Thomaston, October 16, 17, 1883. Rev. J. Everts Pond, of Warren, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, of Edgcomb, John 7, 46. Theme,—The words of Christ. Conference sermon, Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath, Eze. 33: 11. The relation of God's covenant and oath to the atonement. Topics for remark,—How to deepen the religious interest and efficiency of our churches; the duty of pastor and church to the Sabbath school, and the Sabbath school to the church; the relation of the pastor to his church and people, opened with a paper by Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Thomaston; the relation of church and people to the pastor, Deas. Gerry and Stevens; how pastors and churches may reach and interest the non-church-goers. Rev. John J. Blair, of Rockland.

Tuesday P. M. Oral reports from the churches. The evening session opened with a praise-meeting.

The Lord's supper was administered by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, and Rev. L. L. Hanscom, of M. E. church, Thomaston.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the Central church, Bath, June 10, 11, 1884. Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, *Moderator.* Opening devotional exercises, led by Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich. Sermons, by Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Thomaston, Mark 16: 15, "Go ye into all the world," etc., and the *Moderator*, Rev. 2: 1—7. Christ's message to the church in Ephesus. Topics for remarks,—Missions, and christian giving, opened by Rev. J. Everts Pond, of Warren; the Sunday school, the church and the poor, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Boothbay, and Rev. Charles A. Marsh; Temperance and the Constitutional amendment, Revs. H. O. Thayer and C. D. Crane; the New Congregational Creed, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

Report of the churches, by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union.

Rev. James Powell, of New York, spoke for the Am. Missionary Association.

Administration of the Lord's supper, Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., Wakefield, Mass., and Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Boothbay.

Rev. OMAR WHITE FOLSOM, (Dartmouth, 1869; Andover, 1872,) pastor-elect, Winter St. church, Bath, July 1, 1884.

CHARLES HOMER PERCIVAL, (Colby 1878; Amherst, 1879; Andover, 1880-1; Edinburg, Halle and Berlin, 2 years,) acting pastor at Wiscasset, from Oct. 6, 1883.

Rev. ELIJAH KELLOGG, supplying the church in Topsham, from Nov. 1, 1882.

Rev. CHARLES DODD CRANE, (Princeton, 1869; Union Sem'y 1874,) acting pastor Second church, New Castle, from December 16, 1883.

Rev. LEWIS DARENYDD EVANS, (Hudson Coll., Ohio, 1872; Bangor Sem. 1875,) acting pastor at Boothbay, from April 1, 1884.

The farewell sermon of Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., at the close of a pastorate of forty years in Winter St. church, Bath, is referred to in Bath papers; in Portland Press, Aug. 14, Ch. Mirror, Aug. 18, 1883. During that period, he has preached more than one hundred sermons each year—twice every Sunday—taught a class in

the Sunday school; given Bible lectures fifteen years; made 120,000 calls; attended 1400 funerals; 500 to 600 weddings; added to the church, on confession, 354; by letter, 140; present number, 310; has attended 111 councils. Resolutions adopted by the church, Ch. Mir., Aug. 25. Hymn, "The retired pastor," by E. M. M., Ch. Mir. Aug. 18. Further notice, Portland Press, Dec. 8.

Rev. Henry C. Robinson, acting pastor at Phippsburg, from Jan. 16, 1881, resigns Aug. 20, 1883. Accepts call to Buxton, Me.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, pastor Second church, New Castle, from Oct. 11, 1881, dismissed Dec. 21, 1883. Rev. J. Evarts Pond, *Moderator* of Council; Charles H. Percival, of Wiscasset, *Scribe*. Installed pastor Second church, Biddeford, Jan. 17, 1884.

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, acting pastor at Boothbay, from May 10, 1878, resigns Jan. 1, 1884. Accepts call to Gardiner.

Rev. John J. Blair, acting pastor at Rockland, from Nov. 5, 1876, resigns Apr. 13, 1884. Installed pastor South church, Andover, Mass., May 1, 1884. Sermon, Rev. Smith Baker.

Rev. William R. Richards, pastor of Central church, Bath, from 1879, Oct. 16, resigns. Dismissed May 8, 1884. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe*. Accepts call to Plainfield, N. J.

Rev. William A. Spaulding, pastor Second church, New Castle, 1870-1, died in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 10, 1884. (See Necrology.)

Rev. William S. Spaulding, acting pastor at Bristol, 1870-4, died in Lynn, Mass., July 10, 1884. (See Necrology.)

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN THOMASTON, was observed June 15, 1884. Sermon in the morning, by Rev. Charles A. Marsh, acting pastor, Matt. 16:18. Theme,—The church—its foundation and its security.

In the afternoon, an historical sketch of the church was given by Dea. S. S. Gerry; obituary notices were read by Dea. J. H. Jacobs, of some of the former members, and also letters from two former pastors, Rev. L. G. Marsh and Rev. C. H. Pope.

In the evening, addresses by Capt. E. A. Robinson, Deas. Gerry, Jacobs and Walker, and Rev. C. A. Marsh. Rev. L. L. Hanscom, of the Methodist church, spoke for the other denominations. Singing by a large choir in charge of Mr. E. Harvey Counce, which had also been in attendance during the day.

The Bible used at the several services, was printed in 1798, and presented to the Society in 1805, by Gen. Knox, who resided in Thomaston.

The church was decorated with flowers, mottoes and banners. There were tablets containing the names of former pastors, on either side of the platform.

The installed pastors have been, John Lord, 1809-11; John H. Ingraham, 1817-1828; Richard Woodhull, 1830-1855; Levi G. Marsh, 1855-1857; James McLean, 1859-1861; Javan K. Mason, 1864-1877; Charles H. Pope, 1878-1883.

The deacons of the church in succession have been, Tilson, Bradford, Starrett, Gates, Albee, Singer, Vaughn, Loring, Healey, Fuller, Gerry, Carney and Walker.

The number of members received, 460; present number, 123.

A new church building was dedicated Oct. 2, 1827; in 1852, the interior of the house was changed and a vestry built. A farewell service was held in this house June 12, 1872. The present edifice in its new location, was dedicated Aug. 8, 1872. The anniversary was reported in the Thomaston Herald, June 19; the historical sketch, in the Herald, June 26.

The church edifice in Phippsburg, repaired and changed in its arrangements: with new pulpit and furniture; expense, \$700. Re-opened May 4, 1884. Discourse, by Rev. Henry C. Robinson, acting pastor. Text,—Haggai 2:9.

*New Castle, Second ch.*—New furnaces provided.... *Thomaston ch.*,—publishes The Thomaston Congregationalist, a four-paged octavo, monthly.... *Warren, Sec.*

*and ch.*—A new organ provided; \$1200.... *Waldoboro Second ch.*—The old meeting-house repaired and painted.

The missionary steamer "Morning Star," is to be built at Bath, chiefly by contributions of Sunday schools. Launched Aug. 6, 1884.

The fifth annual Sunday School Convention, of Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties, held at Nobleboro, Aug. 21, 1883. Rev. J. E. Pond, of Warren, one of the Directors. Rev. R. W. Jenkins delivered an address on the Encouragements to Teachers.

The Young Men's Christian Association, Bath, sustain a Sunday school, at Cape school-house, Southport.

An exploration of Sagadahoc County, for the Bible Society, shows that of 4,003 families, 2,086 admit that no member attends public worship; Protestant children not in Sunday school, 1,498; Protestant families destitute of the Scriptures, 176; number of volumes sold and donated, 1,072; value, \$432.90.

Mrs. Sarah S. Park, daughter of Dea. Isaac Smith, of Litchfield, and sister of Rev. Benjamin Smith, died in Phippsburg, August, 1883. Ob., J. F. H., in Ch. Mir., Sept. 15.... Dea. James T. Beath, in Boothbay, Oct. 10, at 74.... Mrs. Starman, widow of Rev. John Starman, former pastor of the old Lutheran church, Waldoboro, Jan. 6, 1884.... Dea. Peter Hall, in Rockland, Jan. 30, at 88.... Mrs. Olive J. McDonald, in Waldoboro, May 2, 1884, at 80. Ob. J. J. B., Ch. Mir., May 24.... Mrs. Sophia Baker, in Wiscasset, May 27, at 73. Ob. C. H. P., Ch. Mir., July 12.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Miss Alice Nelson; Bath, Winter street, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D.; Bath, Central, Franklin S. Partridge; Boothbay First, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay Second, Charles E. Kendrick; Bremen, Miss Caroline H. Hilton; Bristol, Dea. Joseph Hunter; Edgecomb, Ebenezer Chase, Jr.; Lisbon, Mrs. George W. Coombs, Lisbon Falls; New Castle First, Charles C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; New Castle Second, Joel P. Huston; Phippsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, A. Judson Shaw; Thomaston, Seth S. Gerry; Topsham, Isaac P. Tebbetts; Union, Dea. Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro First, Dea. George Allen; Waldoboro Second, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett; Washington, Rev. F. V. Norcross, a. c.; Wiscasset, Silas L. Young; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Alna, (Union,)——; Bath, Winter street, David T. Percy; Bath, Central, Henry E. Palmer; Boothbay First, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay Second, George B. Kenniston; Bremen,——; Bristol, Thomas H. Fassett, (Union;) Edgecomb, Charles W. Cate; Lisbon,——; New Castle First,——; New Castle Second, Alonzo W. Glidden; Phippsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, W. S. D. Healy; Thomaston, Dea. Joseph H. Jacobs; Topsham, Charles E. Scribner; Union, Frederick H. Seiders; (Union School at Appleton, Nathan Hawkes;) Waldoboro First, Dea. George Allen; Waldoboro Second,——; Warren, Thomas Walker; Washington, (Union Sch.) J. A. Marteen; Wiscasset, Hannibal Small; Woolwich, two schools, Rev. H. O. Thayer, and Dea. F. Carlton.

Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Thomaston, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, *Reporter*. Next meeting with the Second church, Boothbay, June 9, 10, 1885.

LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Phippsburg, May 1, 1844.—Meets first Tuesday of February, May and November. Rev. J. Everts Pond, of Warren, *Scribe*. *Members*,—p. 92, Minutes 1879.

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814, does not meet.

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday in June. Semi-annual meeting third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church at South Paris, October 23, 24, 1883. Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles Dame, of Albany. 1 Cor. 3:10, 11. Christ the foundation. Conference sermon, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel. John 7:46. Christ as a Teacher. Topics for addresses,—1. Our Congregational Polity. (a.) Its history and Scriptural basis, Rev. T. C. Jerome, of Gorham, N. H.; (b.) Its principles and practical workings, Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Bethel; (c.) Our Polity in its application to the churches in Oxford County, by the Moderator; (d.) Discussion of the topic. 2. The Christian Sabbath. (a.) The grounds of its Divine authority, Rev. C. Dame; (b.) Its proper observance; its claims upon Christians, Rev. Gilman Rice, of Sumner; its claims on mankind, Rev. D. Garland, of Bethel; Sabbath desecration, the Moderator; (c.) Open discussion of the theme.

Tuesday evening,—The Conference social meeting,—including, 1. Reports from the several churches, by their delegates. 2. Reports from the National Council, Revs. D. Garland and S. L. Bowler, delegates. Wednesday morning,—Report of committee on the state of the churches, and devotional meeting. Tuesday afternoon, 1.30,—Meeting of Ladies' Missionary Societies, in the vestry. Wednesday afternoon, after the Conference sermon,—the administration of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. Gilman Rice, of Sumner, and Alexander Wiswall, of Norway.

**THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING**, with the church in East Sumner, June 3, 4, 1884, Dea. H. N. Bolster, of South Paris, *Moderator*.

Sermons,—Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway, Acts 4:12. The necessity of salvation; and Rev. Albert Donnell, of Berlin, N. H., Ps. 51:11—13. The responsibilities of Christians. Topics for discussion,—1. Christian revivals, opened by Rev. A. Wiswall. 2. Christian unity, Rev. David Garland, Bethel. 3. Obligations of Christians, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel, and Judge Enoch Woodbury, of Bethel. 4. Why are not more Christians endowed with power for efficient work for the Master, Rev. A. Donnell. 5. Christian work in the church, Rev. Charles Dame, Andover. Rev. George W. Moore, of Washington, D. C., presented the claims of the Am. Missionary Association.

The reports from the churches were encouraging generally. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, and Albert L. Gridley, of Gilead.

ALBERT DONNELL ordained pastor at Berlin, N. H., June 22, 1883. Record, Minutes 1883, p. 87.

REV. EDMUND C. INGALLS, installed pastor at South Paris, Aug. 1, 1883. Records, 1883, p. 87.

REV. ALBERT LOOMIS GRIDLEY, of Benzonia, Mich., (Oberlin Coll., 1872; Oberlin Sem., 1875,) acting pastor at Gilead, from May 1, 1884. Supplies also at Shelburne, N. H.

John Arma Thomas, *Lic.*, General Missionary in the County.

William Walcott Fay, (Oberlin C., 1879; Bangor Sem., 1883.) acting pastor at Oxford, from Sept. 23, to Dec. 30. Ordained pastor, Hampton, N. H., Feb. 13, 1884.

**DEDICATION OF THE NEW EDIFICE OF THE CHURCH IN EAST SUMNER**, Dec. 4, 1883. Anthem by the choir,—“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord”; invocation, Rev. Richard H. McGown, of Turner; anthem by the choir,—“I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart”; Scripture reading, by Rev. R. H. McGown; hymn; consecrating prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; singing of an original hymn, written by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, “O Thou who makest Heaven Thy Throne, \* \* Accept this house which we have built,”—Tune, Duke St.; sermon, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of South Boston, 1 Cor. 3:11. “Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

Singing, “All hail the power of Jesus' name”; benediction, by the preacher.

In the evening, Rev. F. E. Clark preached, Gal. 1:18. Christ, the Head of the Body,—the Church.—followed with remarks from Rev. Gilman Rice, acting pastor, Rev. David Garland, and others,—and selections by the choir,—“How lovely is Zion,” etc. Pastor Garland, in the course of his remarks, gave some items in con-

th his long pastorate of thirty-four years, during which he has preached on every Sabbath; attended funerals in twenty towns; and sixty-five of the sessions of County Conference. He is now the second oldest pastor in

ies' Circle gratefully acknowledge the substantial aid received from the Circle of South Paris, and from numerous other friends outside of the Soci-building of the house.

rch-edifice at Andover, was unroofed and otherwise damaged, during a tember.

sting-house on Sumner Hill to be repaired. The parsonage has been sold.

CH OF RANDOLPH AND GORHAM HILL, N. H., was organized July 23, 1883, and H. Greeley, of Concord, N. H., *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Sidney y, of Lancaster, *Scribe*. Sermon by the Moderator. Acts 2:47. "The i to the church daily such as should be saved."

mbers constituted the church;—four females and one male; to which were l, three males and five female members. It is connected with Oxford s, Maine.

om Rev. R. Henry Davis, from Arima, Japan. Ch. Mir., Sept. 29, 1883.

ils of Dr. Nathaniel T. True, Gould's Academy, Bethel, held a re-union 84. Words of welcome, by Hon. A. S. Twitchell; address by Rev. Javan D. D. Theme,—The possibilities of man. Poem, Frank H. Beale; devocises, by Revs. David Garland, and Stephen L. Bowler. In the evening, ch Foster presided, and delivered a salutatory address to Dr. True, to responded. Remarks by others followed, and other exercises. Rev. iderson, Woburn, Mass., preached the Baccalaureate discourse, May 18, es 1:24, l. c.

ncy I. Barker, died in Bethel, Oct. 9, 1883, at 80....Mrs. Dorcas Sewall, , at 89, widow of John Milton Sewall, son of Rev. Samuel Sewall, the er in Sumner. Ob. Lewiston Journal, Oct. 22, 1883....Dea. Leonard Bethel, Feb. 25, 1884, at 84....Dea. Nathaniel Lord, in Oxford, March 7, sacon, 1861 to 1871....Mrs. J. D. Williams, in South Paris, March 20.... daughter of Rev. Mark Gould, pastor at Andover, 1851–58, in Worcester, y 11, at 26.

OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Rev. Charles Dame; Berlin, N. H., Parker; Bethel First, Dea. J. U. Purington; Bethel Second, Rev. David Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Benjamin F. Hicks; Gorham, N. H., N. D. rway First, Herbert J. Holt; Norway Second, T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, . Ellis; Randolph and Gorham Hill, Mrs. W. S. Potter, Gorham, N. H.; J. K. Elliot; Shelburne, N. H., Dea. E. P. Green; South Paris, Herbert mner, J. T. Stetson, East Sumner; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

TTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Andover, John L. Bailey; Berlin, D. Duke; Bethel First, J. U. Purington; Bethel Second, A. W. Valen-old, —; Gilead, William R. Peabody; Gorham, N. H., N. D. Hyde; rst, Amos T. Holt; Norway Second, Thomas Smiley; Oxford, George A. dolph and Gorham Hill, Miss Lizzie M. Hodgdon; Rumford, J. E. Elliot; N. H., E. P. Green; South Paris, Horace N. Bolster; Sumner, Stephen Upton, Charles Douglass.

alentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer*. Next meeting in Berlin, N. H., , 1884.

ASSOCIATION.—Was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Meetings Tuesday in May, July and September. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Members*.—Minutes 1879, p. 122.

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**, held with the Hammond St. Church, Bangor, in connection with the Semi-Centennial observance of the organization of the church, December 4, 5, 1883. Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, *Moderator*, who read the 122d Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Topics for discussion.—I. The objects of the Conference, as defined by the Constitution. 1. "To promote the fellowship and edification of the churches." Opened by Rev. Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, of Bangor Seminary. 2. "To cherish a lively interest in the objects of Christian benevolence. How may it be increased and best employed." Opened by Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor. 3. "To encourage the churches in a faithful discharge of their religious duties"—this topic was taken up following the verbal reports of the churches, opened by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Old Town, and closed by Rev. Prof. John S. Sewall, of Bangor Sem'y. II. (1.) How are we to explain the wide-spread religious indifference that prevails in our communities. Opened by Revs. J.E. Adams, of Bangor, and James Alexander, of Brewer Village. 2. Are the churches and pastors responsible in any degree for it? Opened by Rev. Prof. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor Sem'y and Rev. Charles B. Wathen, of Orono. 3. What kind of preaching and of Christian effort is especially needed to induce a more general attention to religious concerns. Opened by Rev. Profs. Levi L. Paine, and Charles J. H. Ropes, of Bangor Sem'y. Conference Sermon by Mr. Nathan H. Harriman, of Bangor, Luke 11:13. Theme.—Prayer. Administration of the Lord's supper, Revs. Solomon P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass. and Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Deacons assisting.—Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, George A. Snow, of Brewer, Thomas B. George, of East Orrington, and Davis Lumbert, of East Bangor. A devotional service at the opening of the session, Tuesday p. m. was led by Rev. Smith Baker, whom the Conference was glad to welcome; as also, Rev. S. P. Fay, each of whom were formerly connected with the Conference, and cherishing a genuine interest in the Churches composing it. The devotional meeting on Wednesday morning was conducted by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of the Cumberland Conference was present, and spoke of the need of a wider circulation of the Christian Mirror. The Conference by vote commended it to the churches and people of this region.

The sessions of Conference were characterized by great fervor and interest.

The exercises of the semi-centennial of Hammond St. Church were held on Tuesday evening, and Wednesday afternoon and evening,—subsequently noticed.

**A FELLOWSHIP MEETING** of the Churches of the Conference, was held with the Church in Orono, Jan. 15, 1884. Dea. Samuel D. Thurston, of Bangor, *Moderator*, p. t. who conducted the opening devotional exercises. Topics for remarks.—How can we secure the much needed work of grace in our County. 1. What can pastors do, (a.) in their preaching, opened by Dea. Augustus L. Bourne, of Bangor. (b.) In their parochial work. 2. What can the churches do? Opened by Prof. Charles J. H. Ropes, of the Seminary. 3. The Prayer Meeting.—(a.) Why have a weekly prayer meeting. Opened by Prof. John S. Sewall, of Bangor Sem'y. (b.) By what means can it be made interesting and profitable. Opened by Prof. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor Sem'y. 3. The Philanthropic enterprises that should receive the hearty support of all good people. (a.) What are they, and what are the comparative merits of their claims upon us. Opened by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. (b.) Should churches remember all, or select a few as objects of their benevolence. Opened by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Old Town. Remarks were also made at different points by Prof. L. F. Stearns, Revs. J. Smith, of Bangor, J. Alexander, of Brewer Village, B. B. Merrill, of Brewer, C. B. Wathen, of Orono, S. W. Chapin, of Burlington, and several laymen.

Devotional exercises were led at the opening of the afternoon session, by Salem D. Towne, of the Theo. Sem'y.—Prayers and the service of song, were intermingled with the remarks, during all the sessions, and the meeting was uplifting, and spiritually helpful.



In the evening the subject presented was,—The value of young men to the Church, and of the church to young men. Addresses were made by President M. C. Fernald, of the State College, Orono, Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, of Burlington, Mr. N.H. Harriman, of the First Church, Bangor, and Rev. L. L. Hanscom, of the Methodist Church, Orono.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the Church in East Orrington, in connection with the Semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of that church, June 10, 11, 1884. Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, *Moderator*. Opened with devotional exercises, led by the Moderator, Psalm 72d and 122d read.—Topics for remarks.—1. How can we create and sustain a religious interest in our Churches? (a.) What can be done on the part of Churches, Opened by Rev. B. B. Merrill, of Brewer, and Dea. J. Wyman Phillips, of Brewer Village. (b.) What can be done by the pastors, Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, of Burlington. 2. What are the duties of Church-members to each other, and to the community? (a.) To each other, Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, Bangor, and Dea. George A. Snow, Brewer. (b.) To the community, Professor John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor. 3. How can we secure the sympathy and co-operation of our churches for our Home Missionary enterprises. (a.) In behalf of Freedmen, Rev. Orlando H. White, D. D., of Boston, a representative of the Am. Missionary Association. (b.) In behalf of our General Home Missionary Work, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. 4. The development of christian character. (a.) Through the agency of the truth, Rev. Charles B. Wathen, of Orono. (b.) Through the agency of Christian work, by the Moderator. (c.) Through the agency of Christian Society, Mr. Augustus N. Luffkin, of East Orrington. 5. Our Sunday Schools. (a.) What claims have our youth upon the church and Pastors. Dea. Augustus L. Bourne, Bangor. (b.) How can we best interest them and lead them to Christ. Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Old Town.

Report of the Churches by Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor.

Resolutions adopted in reference to Temperance favoring the constitutional amendment,—also on Sabbath desecration (Published in Ch. Mirror, June 21.)

On Tuesday evening the semi-centennial exercises were observed. (See proceedings, page 94.)

Conference voted Superintendents of Sunday Schools, as members. A committee were appointed to report at next meeting in reference to aid and encouragement to feeble churches. A meeting of Ladies was held in the School House, on Tuesday 5 P. M. at which the work of the Women's Auxiliaries of Home and Foreign Missions and of the Am. Miss'y. Association were presented by the County Vice-Presidents, or Committees, and Miss Mary D. Hyde, teacher among the Freed people in Wilmington, N. C.

Conference Sermon, by Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, of Burlington. Theme.—The love of Christ, constraining us to love, and to faithful, unselfish service. John, 17th Chapter; and to the exemplification of what love can do as presented, in 1st Corinthians, 13th, Chapter. Administration of the Lord's supper. Rev. James Alexander, and Joseph W. Sprout.

This Conference is reckoned among the best in attendance and interest.

CHARLES BURNS WATHEN ordained at Orono, as Evangelist, June 14, 1883. Records, Minutes, 1883, p. 90.

NATHAN HARDING HARRIMAN (Harvard 1877, Bangor 1884) ordained,—and installed pastor first Cong'l Church, Bangor, June 5, 1884. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass. *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Session held in the afternoon. Services of ordination, at 7.30 evening. Organ Voluntary, by Miss Florence Swan; anthem by a choir, Jubilate Deo, (Dudley Buck;) invocation by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Brewer; Vocal Solo, by Miss Laura M. Cook, "I will extol Thee, O, Lord;" ordaining prayer. Rev. George W. Field, D. D., Bangor; right hand, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor; charge Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Bangor; Hymn, by choir and Congregation, 1064 (S. Hymn and Tune Book) "We bid thee welcome;" reading the Scriptures, Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, Burlington; Sermon, by Rev. Reuben Thomas, Ph. D., of Brookline, Mass.—Acts 9:40. Theme—A Risen Saviour,—address to the people at the

close; anthem by the choir, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;" benediction by the pastor; organ postlude.

REV. CHARLES BURNS WATHEN, (Bangor Sem'y 1883) installed pastor of the Cong'l Church, Orono, June 6, 1884. Council met at 3 P. M., Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. *Moderator*; Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Old Town, *Scribe*. Organ prelude, Mrs. M. Sawyer; Anthem, by the choir, "Create in me a clean heart" (L. O. Emerson;) reading the Scriptures, (Matthew 10th Ch.) and prayer, Rev. Perley T. Robinson of the Methodist Church, Orono; Hymn, by the choir and congregation, from Songs of the New Life, "My Gracious Lord, I own thy right, to every service I can pay;" Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, D. D., 2 Cor. 5: 11-14, 15. Theme.—"The love of Christ, the great topic of the preacher;" installing prayer, Rev. Francis B. Denio, Bangor; Hymn, "Christ for the world we sing;" charge, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass.; right hand, by the Scribe; address to the people, by the Moderator; anthem by the choir, "Lo my Shepherd is Divine" (Emerson;) Benediction by the Pastor; organ postlude.

BENJAMIN BUXTON MERRILL (Bangor, 1874) installed pastor of the First Congregational Church, Brewer, June 13, 1884. Council met at 2 P. M., Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., Bangor, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, Bangor, *Scribe*. Installation services at 7.30, P. M. Organ Voluntary, Miss Grace Bramhall, Offertoire in D flat by J. Lacher; anthem by the choir, "How lovely is Zion" (W. O. Perkins;) prayer, Rev. Wm. W. Marsh, of Methodist Church, Brewer; reading the Scriptures, Psalm 28, and 4th Chapter, 2d Timothy, by Joseph W. Strout, of Brewer Village; hymn, 885, (Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book) "With love the Saviour's heart o'er flowed;" Sermon by the Moderator, Luke 15: 17-20. The parable of the prodigal; illustrating how the Gospel is fitted to man's need,—the preacher's true function and source of power is to preach it; installing prayer Rev. Henry L. Griffin, Bangor; Hymn 1064 "We bid thee welcome;" charge, Rev. J. E. Adams, Bangor; right hand, by the Scribe; address to people Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of West Roxbury, Mass. a former pastor; anthem by the choir, "Lo my Shepherd is Divine;" benediction by pastor; organ postlude, March Pontificate, by Charles Gounod.

Rev. SAMUEL W. CHAPIN, Burlington, preaches in Lowell, Sunday mornings.

William Henry McBride, *Lic.* supplying at Medway, from June 1, 1884.

Rev. JAMES ALEXANDER transfers his labors from Brewer Village and East Orrington, to Hampden, June, 1884. MR. JOSEPH WOODBURY STROUT, supplying at Brewer Village, and East Orrington.

Rev. James B. Hawes closes labors at Holden, June 1884, and goes to Madison.

Rev. George W. Field, pastor of Central Church, Bangor, sent while abroad in Italy, his resignation of the pastorate. At a meeting held by the Church and Society, Jan. 14, 1884, it was voted, that he reconsider, and withdraw his resignation, and continue his present relation, with such assistance as he may deem necessary. (Bangor Whig, Jan. 15.) To this Dr. Field assent. He returned home by Steamer Germania, May 4, '84. Reception by his people May 12.

The Penobscot Association granted May 30, 1884, licenses for one year to Jacob Horton, James E. Aikens, John L. Evans, Joseph W. Strout of the Middle class, in Bangor Sem'y, and to Raymond C. Drisko, of the Senior class. A renewal for three years to Nathan H. Harriman, Solomon G. Foster, William C. Jones, and Salem D. Towne, of the Senior class.

Rev. Jonathan Edwards, pastor at Brewer Village and East Orrington, 1875-9, installed pastor Hyde Park, Pa., Oct. 8, '83. Letter from him in Ch. Mirror, Nov. 1, '83 and Feb. 16, '84.

Letter from Rev. Seth Noble, first minister in Bangor, written June 15, 1793, in Bangor Whig and Courier, Nov. 20, '83.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF HAMMOND ST. CHURCH, BANGOR, was observed, December 4, 5, and 6, 1883.

*Tuesday evening.*—Historical Address by Pastor, Rev. Henry L. Griffin—Daniel 2:20, 21. The changes that are brought about by God's power and wisdom,—all under his agency and control. Those that have occurred in the last fifty years, in material, political, social and religious life, were alluded to. The prominent interests and incidents that have occurred in the history of the Church and Society were presented, with fitting reference to Rev. John Maltby, who for twenty-six years was its faithful and loving Pastor; to Pastors Johnson and Fay; to the officers of the church, and to others; to those engaged in the civil war; and to the various agencies employed by the church, for its usefulness and growth.

The other exercises of the occasion were, Organ Voluntary; singing by the Quartette and Choir, "Father keep us in thy care;" Reading of Psalm 48, by Professor Lewis F. Stearns, of Bangor Sem'y; Quartette of Ladies, "No evil shall befall thee;"—Reading of Psalm 77th, and Prayer by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass. a former pastor; Hymn by choir and congregation, "Blest be the tie that binds," (857, Lab. Hymn and Tune Book.) At the close of the discourse, Rev. Professor L. F. Stearns led in prayer; the Congregation united in singing an Original Hymn composed for the occasion by Rev. Edwin Johnson, the second pastor of the church, Sung to "Uxbridge"—closing with the Gloria Patri; Benediction, by Rev. S. P. Fay.

The memorial window in remembrance of Rev. John Maltby the first pastor, is in place. It represents Christ's ascension, the disciples looking up to the Lord as he rises. There are beautiful emblems in the surroundings. The window is not painted, but opalescent. The frescoing below is in panel, bordered by vines and emblems pertaining to Christ.

There have been connected with the church 1,123 members; 521 received by ether; 802 on Confession of faith. Removed 762—of these, 252 have died; 487 have been transferred to other churches; and 25 excluded. Number of Baptisms, 594;—Infants 314; on Confession of faith, 280. Contributions recorded, \$68,712.07.

Two only of the original members are now living.

*Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 5.* A re-union of past and present members. Flowers arranged on the pulpit and platform; Rev. H. L. Griffin, presiding. Rev. S. P. Fay, on his right, Prof. L. L. Paine on the left. After an organ voluntary, and anthem by the choir,—*"Blessed be the name of the Lord,"*—Prof. Paine read Psalm 122 and 123, and led in prayer.

United in singing hymn 386, "Jesus lover of my soul."

The pastor welcomed the Conference, and all who had gathered on the occasion, with a sincere and hearty greeting, and called upon the senior Deacon, E. F. Duren, to address words of welcome on the part of the church, and Thomas W. Vose, Esq., Chairman of the Parish Committee, on the part of the Society.

Dea. Samuel D. Thurston, chairman of the Invitation Committee, read a letter from the second pastor of the church, Rev. Edwin Johnson, and his wife, residing in New York city, (Morrisania,) who were unable to be present.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, the third pastor, of Dorchester, Mass., made an address, with reminiscences of the past, and of his ministry of thirteen years.

United in singing, "Blest be the tie."

Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., President of the Faculty of Bangor Theological Seminary, gave the cordial greetings of that Institution; Dea. William P. Hubbard, those of the First church, Bangor; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of the Central church, Bangor; Dea. George A. Snow, Brewer, of Penobscot Conference and First church, Brewer; Dea. Charles A. Bailey, of the Conference, and the church in Oldtown; President M. C. Fernald, of the church in Orono; Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, of the churches of Maine.

The interesting exercises were closed with singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"; and the benediction by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Piscataquis Conference.

*In the evening,* there was a social gathering. The company were received by the Reception Committee in the small vestry, decorated with portiere, pictures, statuary, etc. The large vestry was adorned with bunting, flowers, and various emblems. The monogram of the four pastors was over the drapery at the entrance, and oppo-

site, back of the platform, was an extended drapery, with portraits of the several pastors.

After an hour's hand-shaking and social converse, a supper was served by the ladies, Rev. S. P. Fay presiding, and Rev. D. S. Talcott asking a blessing. When all had partaken of the bounteous refreshments, the conversation was resumed, and before the company parted, a poem by Mrs. S. B. Littlefield, was read; remarks by Revs. S. P. Fay, and P. B. Thayer, and vocal and instrumental music.

There were present, representatives from the churches of the Council that formed the church, and of the Council that ordained the first pastor; of other churches, the Theological Seminary, as well as many of the former members of the church, and present members.

Letters were received from many of the former members. Among them,—Rev. W. C. Pond, San Francisco, Cal.; Rev. J. Everts Pond, Warren, Me.; Rev. Amos Loring, Yarmouthville, Me.; Mrs. Carrie Maltby Cushman, Newtonville, N. Y.; Rev. H. A. Miner, Madison, Wis.; Rev. A. G. Fitz, Wilton, Me.; Rev. C. Hamlin, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.; Henry W. Rice, Esq., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. E. C. Ewing, Danvers, Mass.; John B. Foster, Esq., Bangor; Mrs. J. G. Wilson, Portland; Rev. J. S. Richards, Waterford, Me.; Rev. J. Edwards, Hyde Park, Pa.; Rev. Royal M. Cole, Erzroom, Turkey, with a Jubilee poem; Mrs. D. Tappan, Weld, Me., with a poetical contribution; Rev. J. S. Cogswell, Windham, N. H., and others.

Also from Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D., Hartford, Conn.; Rev. A. E. Ives, Castine; Professor A. S. Packard, Brunswick; Rev. W. W. Rand, D. D., New York city; Rev. J. B. Sewall, South Braintree, Mass.; Hon. John E. Godfrey, Bangor, Me.; Rev. L. S. Rowland, Lee, Mass.; Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; Rev. D. E. Adams, Ashburnham, Mass.; Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Norridgewock; Rev. H. Halsey, S. Freeport; Rev. C. L. Nichols, Brownville, and others.

On the following Sabbath, Dec. 9, Rev. Solomon P. Fay preached in the morning. Text,—Psalm 9; 7—9. The Divine method in the government of the world;—wisely, slowly, but surely in truth and righteousness. The work of the church to be in accordance with his plan of mercy and grace. Devotional exercises by the pastor, Rev. Henry L. Griffin.

In the afternoon, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed, in which the church was joined by former members, and those of sister churches in the city and vicinity, the pastor and Professor L. L. Paine officiating.

In the evening, the Semi-centennial anniversary of the Sunday school was held; prayer by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Griffin; report by G. H. Hopkins; address by Rev. S. P. Fay. The school was organized with 115 members; present number, 300; whole number connected with the school, 4,625. There have been fourteen Superintendents and nineteen Secretaries. The greeting of a former member of the school, Miss Etta H. Stanwood, of Portland, was read, and reference made to letters from Charles Godfrey, Esq., of Philadelphia, a former teacher and superintendent, and Charles P. Roberts, Esq., of Boston, a former member.

The poem by Mrs. S. B. Littlefield, read Wednesday evening, was repeated.

One of the appropriate selections of music sung,—“Cast thy burden on the Lord,” was composed by John E. Gould, a former pupil and teacher.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN EAST ORRINGTON, was observed June 10, 1884.

Organ voluntary, by Mrs. Louise Miller; anthem by the choir,—“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,” (T. F. Seward;) the Moderator of Penobscot Conference, Dea. Wm. P. Hubbard, of Bangor, read the 147th Psalm; prayer, Prof. Francis B. Denio, of Bangor; Dea. Thomas B. George, of East Orrington, gave hearty greeting to the Conference, and gave an historical sketch of the church. The church was organized June 12, 1834, with eighteen members. Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, preached the sermon; fellowship of the churches, by Rev. Wales Lewis, of Brewer; consecrating prayer, Rev. Mighill Blood, of Bucksport, Moderator of Council. The first house of worship at the Center, was dedicated Nov. 14, 1833. Sermon, Dr. Pond, of Bangor. The present edifice at East Orrington, was dedicated Oct. 19, 1842, which has been repaired and renovated during the past year. The pastors have been, Cyril Pearl

George H. Hullin, Thomas Smith, Wellington Newell, H. Allen Shorey, Jonathan Edwards, and Clarence S. Sargent. Others among them, Father Sewall, Revs. Franklin Davis, Clarendon Stone, Dr. Talcott, who have supplied for a time, were referred to. The church has had seven deacons; three have died; two resigned; two are serving to-day. (One is Dea. Thomas B. George, son of the first deacon,—Timothy George.) The number of members received has been 218; of these, 63 have died; 81 dismissed; present number, 74. The only one living of the original members, is Mrs. Mary L. Ryder. Letters were read by A. N. Lufkin, from four former pastors,—Revs. W. Newell, H. A. Shorey, J. Edwards, and C. S. Sargent.

United in singing the hymn, "Come let us anew our journey pursue."

Professor John S. Sewall, D. D., delivered an address in which he presented the appropriate and great work of the church, and the courage and heroism which moves the members—especially in the village church—without much capital, to erect a church edifice and sustain the ordinances of the Gospel. The value of a working church to the community was shown; its power to accomplish, through the power of its Great Head, what culture, human reason, and morality cannot do.

He paid a tribute of praise to the fidelity of this church, and to what had been accomplished through its instrumentality, making some personal references to individuals who had lived among them, and gone out to accomplish good for the Master.

The choir sung,—*"Deal gently,"* (by H. P. Main.) Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Oldtown, referred to some reminiscences of his occasional visits to the church and its labors among them, and congratulated them on its having reached the fiftieth year of its history.

The exercises closed with the Doxology. Benediction, by Rev. James Alexander.

*Brewer Village.* A chapel in Gothic style has been built. The late Mrs. Daniel Brewer bequeathed \$100 to the church, and Mr. Charles G. Stearns, a former resident, gives \$1000, of which \$100 goes to the chapel. *Oldtown*—Robinson's responsive reading adopted in Sabbath service. A new furnace provided, and the vestry furnished with modern conveniences. The year closed without a debt. The church edifice in Milford progressing. *Orono*.—The church edifice newly painted and improved. *Orrington East*.—The church edifice repaired and improved.

Rev. John T. Gulick, of the Japan Mission, was present at the monthly concert in First church, Bangor, Aug. 5, 1883.

Letter from Mrs. Susan A. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, in *Life and Light*, October, 1883, p. 368,—in *Ch. Mir.*, Dec. 29, 1883, and April 19, 1884. From Emily J. Wheeler, in *Life and Light*, April, 1884, p. 131, and June, p. 213.

Mr. Eldridge, colporteur of the Am. Bible Society, canvassed Burlington and vicinity, and presented its claims at occasional meetings held May, June, 1884.

Sixteenth State Sunday School Convention, held in the First Cong'l church, Bangor, Oct. 23—25, 1883. Reported in Bangor Courier, Portland Press, etc., Oct. 24—26. . . . Sunday school Conference held at Hampden, Oct. 16

The Third Anniversary of the Bangor Young Men's Christian Association, held in Hammond St. church, Bangor, Jan. 6, 1884. Reports of the several committees, and addresses by Rev. H. L. Griffin, and G. B. Hiseley. The Ladies Auxiliary gave a reception to the young men of the city, on New Year's day.

The Quarterly meeting of the Reform Club, held in City Hall, Bangor, Dec. 5, 6, 1883. . . . A meeting in the interests of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was held in Hammond St. church, Bangor, Dec. 23. . . . The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oldtown and Milford, organized Feb. 24, 1884.

**NECROLOGY.**—Dea. James Y. Richardson, in Oldtown, Aug. 19, 1888, æt 67. A most efficient helper and leader in the church. *Ob.*, *Ch. Mir.*, Sept. 15. . . . Mrs. Rebecca Jane Thatcher, wife of Dea. George A. Thatcher, in Bangor, Oct. 27, æt 70. *Ob.*, *Ch. Mir.*, Nov. 1. . . . Mrs. Jane P., wife of Rev. James Wells, pastor in Dedham, 1858 to 1872 in Douglass, Mass., Jan. 1, 1884, æt 71. . . . Dea. Henry T. Hart, suddenly, in Holden, Feb. 18, æt 50. Action of the church, in *Ch. Mir.*, April 12. . . . Walter Brown, in Bangor, May 4, æt 80. He bequeathed \$1000 each, to Bangor Theological Seminary, Old Ladies' Home, Children's Home, Bangor; Maine Missionary Society, and Am. Board C. F. M.

**CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.**—Bangor First, Arthur E. Gilman; Bangor Hammond Street, Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor Central, Henry S. Brown; Bangor East, Allen C. Tibbets; Brewer First, Alpheus Robinson; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent; Burlington, Miss M. C. Scammon; Dedham, Amos S. Moulton; Dixmont and Plymouth, George H. Thayer, Plymouth; Hampden, Augustus Alden; Holden, George C. Wiswall; Kenduskeag, B. F. Higgins; Lincoln, Robert R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Chas. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Graves; East Orrington, Dea. T. B. George; Upper Stillwater, Miss Isa Rogers; Veazie, Dea. David S. Howard, p. t.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Bangor First, James H. Crosby; Hammond St., J. Milton Daggett; Central, Charles S. Pearl; East Bangor, Merrick Wiley; West Bangor, N. Willmot Littlefield; Essex St., Bangor, Joseph Moore; Brewer First, Manly Hardy; Brewer Village, J. Wyman Phillips; Burlington, George M. Page; Dedham, Amos S. Moulton; Dixmont and Plymouth, Dixmont (Union,) E. M. Doloff; Plymouth (Union,) W. H. Conant; Hampden, W. K. Nasou; Holden, J. Lawrence Copeland; Kenduskeag (Union,) Jacob C. Temple; Lincoln, O. H. Chesley; Dis. No. 4, R. R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, Charles A. Bailey; Orono, Merritt C. Fernald; Orrington East, T. W. Robinson; Upper Stillwater, (Union,) — Veazie, (Union.)

Dea. E. F. Duren, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Semi-annual meeting with the church in Oldtown, in connection with the semi-centennial of that church, Oct. 14, 15, 1884.

**PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—*Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 92.—Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Brewer, *Scribe*.

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842, Annual meeting, one week before annual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Garland, October 22, 24, 1883. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*.—Sermon by Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, Matt. 20: 27, 28, which opened the way for the discussion of the topic, "Personal work for Christ; to every man his work." 1. Preparation for such work; how attained? Christ the Great Teacher. 2. Methods of work; how to do it. 3. Hindrances; how removed. 4. Encouragements; the reward of work. In the evening discussed, "The advantages of early piety." Seen 1. in what it saves from and imparts to those who become Christians in early life; developing and ennobling the whole nature. 2. The love of early piety more easily obtained in youth than at any subsequent period. 3. The young make the most useful and reliable Christians. Wednesday A.M., verbal reports from the Churches. Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, reported concerning the meeting of the National Council at Concord, N. H., showing that a christly spirit pervaded and harmonized its proceedings. Conference Sermon by Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, 1 Pet. 3: 18. "Christ suffered once for our sins," etc. The Lord's supper administered by Revs. Chas. Davison, of Greenville, and Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson. The elements distributed by the Deacons of the Garland Church.

The FORTY SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, with the church of Foxcroft and Dover, June 10, 11, 1884, Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Topics for discussion.—1. The Conference, its use and benefits. 2. The relation of revivals to church life. 3. How are revivals best promoted? 4. Is the prayer meeting essential to vigorous Christian life? 5. The relation of Church members to the efficiency of the Sunday School. The Superintendents of Sunday Schools were by vote constituted members of Conference. Resolutions passed indorsing the Constitutional

prohibitory amendment. Rev. Orlando H. White, D. D., of Boston, spoke in relation to the interests and claims of the Am. Missionary Association. Reports of the Churches by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson. A Ladies Missionary meeting was held Tuesday P. M.

Sermon.—Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, Isa. 55:1 "Ho every one that thirsteth," etc.... Rev. O. H. White, D.D., of Boston, Isa. 19: 4. "The Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord," etc.

The Lord's supper administered.

Rev. Samuel Stillman Drake, pastor in Garland, etc. died in North Berwick, Me. Nov. 12, 1883, æt 79. (See Necrology.)

Rev. George M. Sanborne, at Monson and Abbot, in 1882—ordained in Sherman, Texas, July 29, 1883. Accepted a call July 1884 to Little Rock, Arkansas.—Letters from him in Ch. Mirror 1883, Sept. 15, Nov. 1; 1884, March 15, May 17. In Home Missionary, November, 1883, p. 284; May 1884, p. 475.

Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, preached the Baccalaureate Discourse, before the Foxcroft Academy, 1884.

Dea. Charles H. B. Woodbury gave in June a history of the Church in Foxcroft and Dover, during his connection of forty-two years with it.

Improvements made on the parsonage at Foxcroft,—amount \$500.

The church edifice in Monson, repaired and improved.

"Conference Blessing," by Piscataquise, Ch. Mirror, Oct. 13, '83, "Who is going to Conference," by S. O. C., Ch. Mir., June 7, '84, "Who staid at Home."—Ch. Mir., July 19.

Union Temperance meetings in the church of Foxcroft and Dover, Sabbath evenings, 1884.

Piscataquis Sunday School Association, at Brownville, Nov. 7, 1883.

Piscataquis Teachers' Association, at Dover, Nov. 20, 21, '83—Twelfth Session, at Monson, May 20, 21, '84.

George S. Coffin, died in Garland, Dec. 6, '83 æt 33... B. R. Gould in Atkinson, Clerk of the Church, Dec. 25.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbott Village, Washington W. Delano; Atkinson—; Blanchard, Alvin D. Sturtevant; Brownville, Enos W. Stickney; Dexter, Mrs. Chloe P. Barron; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Charles Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hescock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler, Brockway's Mills.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Abbott Village, W. W. Flynt; Atkinson, (Union School,) John Jordan; Blanchard, Joseph B. Packard; Brownville, Adams H. Merrill, 2d; Dexter, P. J. Abbott; Foxcroft and Dover, Rev. D. A. Morehouse; Garland, Henry Murdock; Greenville, F. L. Sawyer; Monson, Gustavus B. Hescock; Sangerville, Josiah S. Folsom, (Union School.)

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference*; C. H. B. Woodbury, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Greenville, Oct. 21, 22, 1884.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting, Tuesday before second Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING omitted.

THE SIXTY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, held with the Church in Norridgewock, June 10, 11, 1884, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon by Rev. J. W. Buffum, of Mercer, 1 John 1:5, "God is light."

Conference Sermon, by the Moderator, 2 Kings 6:16, "Fear not; for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them." Topics discussed.—The need of Christian work, as wise and as earnest as any other, opened by Rev. Almon J. Rackliff; the needs of missions, Dr. W. H. Stevens, of North New Portland; the universal Kingdom of Christ, Rev. M. Poor, of Canaan. The meeting of Tuesday evening was arranged with particular reference to the young. The Sunday School and Temperance were the themes.

The work and wants of the Am. Missionary Association were presented by Rev. George W. Moore, of Washington D. C., and by Rev. M. Poor, of Canaan. A collection of \$45, was taken for the Society.

The Conference passed a resolution in favor of temperance and the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment.

Sunday School Superintendents, that are members of the church, were constituted members of Conference, ex-officio.

The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. George W. Moore, and Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, Deacs. Seth Wyman and A. Kenniston.

There was a good attendance, and no meeting of the Conference has been more interesting and enjoyable for many years.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF REV. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, as pastor of the church, Norridgewock, occurred October 27, 1883. On the following Sabbath he preached from the text, Acts 26: 22, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come." Dr. T. had been twenty years in the ministry, when he came to Norridgewock; ten at Hampden, Me. and ten at Charlestown, Mass. Only two pastors were settled previous to his pastorate in N. Rev. Josiah Peet, 38 years, 1814 to 1852; and Rev. Henry S. Downes, six years, 1852 to 1857—who resigned on account of ill health, and died in 1860.

Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL, after a faithful service as acting pastor of the church in Madison, from November 18, 1846, resigns Nov. 18, 1883.

Rev. JAMES BYRON HAWES, commenced labors in Madison, June 1884.

A Congregational Church Edifice now in process of building, at North Anson.

A Bell weighing 1227 lbs. cost about \$400, has been provided for the church in North New Portland.

The 68th Anniversary of the Island Avenue Sunday School, Skowhegan, was observed Sunday June 22, 1884. It was also Children's Day. Sermon in the morning by the Pastor. In the evening there was an historical sketch of the School by the Superintendent; remarks by the Assistant Superintendent and the Pastor. The services of A. M., and P. M. were neatly printed on a card. There was a profuse display of flowers, arranged in bouquets, mounds, wreathes, baskets, etc.

The people of Mercer have formed a Christian Union; which comprises four denominations, who unite in employing a minister. It has three Committees;—a ministerial, executive, and financial—one member of each denomination, constituting the committee.

Somerset Teacher's Association met in Skowhegan, Oct. 26, 1883.

Somerset Temperance Camp-meeting met at North Anson, Aug. 31, Sept. 1, '83. Somerset Reform Club Convention at Bingham, March 7, 1884.

Mrs. Betsey Hopkins, died in Madison, Oct. 26, 1883, æt 76. She bequeathed \$500 to the church in Madison, and \$500 to the Maine Missionary Society.... Calvin Jewett, in S. Solon, Nov. 1833, Clerk of Ch., and only surviving male member... Dea. Rufus Bixby, in Norridgewock, March. 20, 1884, æt 80. Ob. Ch. Mirror, Mar. 29.... Hon. Stephen D. Lindsey in Norridgewock, April 28, æt 55. An ex-member of Congress.... Arthur Dinsmore, in Anson, June 25, æt 90, Clerk of the church.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Anson, Sumner Dinsmore; North Anson, Mrs.



ann; Athens, W. Webster; Bingham, T. F. Houghton; Madison, Frank Dins-  
 madison East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New Portland  
 Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, A. N. Page; Skowhegan, F. R. Buck;  
 Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Sybil Jewett; St. Albans, Nathaniel

INTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Anson, F. A. Dinsmore; North  
 Benjamin Adams; Athens, E. S. Dutton; Bingham, T. F. Houghton;  
 n, Nathan Wood; Madison East, David Hobart; Mercer, Fernando Cars,  
 ) New Portland North, Charles A. Wilber; Norridgewock, C. E. Warren;  
 egan, Augustus R. Bixby; Solon, Stephen Merrill; South Solon, Union  
 —; St. Albans, S. A. Maxim.

istus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next  
 meeting in Skowhegan, June 9, 10, 1885.

SET ASSOCIATION.—See Kennebec and Somerset Association, p. 85.

### UNION CONFERENCE.

nized at Bridgton, June 14, 1886. Annual meeting Tuesday, previous to  
 ond Wednesday in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last Tuesday in  
 r, (two days.)

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church at North Bridgton, Oct.  
 1883. Charles E. Gould, Esq., of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Conference  
 , by Rev. William B. Hague, of South Bridgton, Matt. 14:17. "We have

it five loaves and two fishes." The discussions centered upon one theme,—  
 ecial presence and help of God. 1. Do we need it at this meeting? 2. Do we  
 in our churches, at the present time, and why? 3. Can any thing supply its

4. What encouragement to hope for it, have we? 5. Upon what conditions  
 have it? 6. If not secured, upon whom rests the responsibility? 7. What  
 first and most important thing for us to do? Each session was begun with a

ur's devotional meeting; that of Tuesday evening a praise service. The  
 ions often interrupted by earnest and successive prayers. Verbal reports,  
 re churches. Resolutions were adopted in reference to Sabbath desecration.

tion of the President of the Maine Central R. R., in announcing that no  
 h excursion trains should be run, was referred to with approval and gratitude.  
 shed Portland Press, Nov. 6.)

on, by Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of North Waterford. Heb. 13:10. "We  
 altar."

Lord's Supper administered by Revs. William B. Hague, of South Bridgton  
 omas M. Davies, of Bridgton.  
 s meeting was one of the best."

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Hiram, June 10, 11,  
 Mr. Charles E. Gould, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opening sermon,  
 enry Farrar, of Stowe. Acts 20:10. "What shall I do, Lord?" Conference

, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton. Eph. 3:19. "To know the  
 Christ, which passeth knowledge." Topics discussed,—1. What constitutes

h? 2. Perils to the young in the literature of the times. 3. The moral  
 here of home. 4. The children and the church. 5. The social service as  
 ed with the preaching service. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. Men-  
 is made of a notable revival among the students in North Bridgton Academy,  
 h the influence of the church in N. Bridgton.

Charles L. Woodworth, D. D., gave an address on the work and demands of  
 t. Missionary Association.

Lord's Supper observed, Revs. Henry Farrar, and G. W. Turner, officiating.\*

Preston, of Yale Divinity School, supplies at Albany, from May 18, 1884....  
 i D. P. Bliss, at Albany, 1881, son of Dr. E. E. Bliss, missionary at Con  
 eple, ordained pastor John Elliot church, South Natick, Mass., May, 1884.

M. W. Adams, supplying at Denmark, resigns October, 1883. Rev. Ebenezer Jordan, of Brownfield, will also preach in Denmark.

Rev. Lewis GOODBORN, acting pastor at Lovell, from Dec. 20, 1878, resigns February, 1884. Accepts call to Danbury, N. H., May 25.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, appointed by the Governor, Commissioner from Maine, to the International Penitentiary Congress, at Rome, Italy, in the autumn.

A revival interest in that part of Sebago which joins Bridgton.

A Society for Christian Endeavor formed at Fryeburg, Feb. 25, 1884.

Rev. J. S. Richards, Waterford, issued in January, 1884, a card with the topics for prayer-meeting for the year, with an address and notice of services.... The Young People's Prayer-meeting have studied Pilgrim's Progress.

The church edifice at Casco, repaired and painted.... The church and chapel at Fryeburg, undergoing repairs.

The church at Albany receive a communion set, with baptismal font, from the church at South Bridgton.

The proceedings at the re-union of the Alumni of Bridgton Academy, July 12, 1882, with the address and poem, have been published in a pamphlet of 69 pages, with portraits of former students, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, Hon. John A. Andrew, and six others. Minutes 1882, p. 90.

At the commencement exercises of Waterford Home School, Rev. J. S. Richards preached the Baccalaureate sermon, June 15, 1884. Text,—Jer. 9:23, 24. The insufficiency of temporal things, as wealth, secular education, or social position, to secure legitimate, lasting joy. A personal knowledge of God the only ground of confidence and happiness. Graduation exercises, June 17. Address, by Rev. Charles A. White, of Mechanic Falls.

Rev. Charles D. Barrows, of San Francisco, Cal., delivered the address at Fryeburg Academy, July 1.

Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland Center, gave an address at North Bridgton, on Cruelty to Animals, April, 1884.

Charles E. Stilton, died in Bridgton, Sept. 19, 1883. Ob., Ch. Mir., Oct. 6.... Moses Hancock, in Otisfield, Oct. 6, æt 71.... Cyrus Wentworth, in Brownfield, Jan. 7, 1884. Clerk of the church.... Charles Hill, M. D., in Fryeburg, April 16, 1884, æt 59.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, John H. Caswell; Bridgton North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton South, Thomas P. Kimball; Brownfield, Charles D. Fessenden; Casco, Moses S. Eastman; Denmark, Clara W. Davis; Fryeburg, Mrs. G. S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard; Lovell, Joseph F. Sterns, Lovell Center; Naples, Dea. Enoch Gammon, p. t.; Otisfield, W. W. Andrews, P. O. Norway; Stowe and Chatham, Dea. Joshua Fifield, Stowe; Sweden, Lewis Frost; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford North, John D. Horr.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Albany, Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Lewis Smith; Bridgton North, Charles E. Gould; Bridgton South, Josiah O. Knapp; Brownfield, Zenas O. Wentworth; Casco, James C. Moore; Denmark, Moses B. Cobb; Fryeburg, Nelson O. McIntyre; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, John Pierce; Lovell, J. F. Sterns, Lovell Center; Lovell Village, Amos F. Horr; Naples, —; Otisfield, —; Stowe and Chatham, Horace J. Binford; Sweden, Andrew Woodbury; Waterford, Rev. J. S. Richards; Waterford North, Ezra B. Hersey.

Rev. William B. Hague, South Bridgton, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference* Next meeting at Otisfield, Oct. 28, 29, 1884.

UNION ASSOCIATION.—Organized in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1884.—Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, North Bridgton, *Scribe*.

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the Second church, Searsport, Oct. 9, 10, 1883. Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport, *Moderator*; Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Sandy Point, *Scribe, pro tem*. Opening sermon, by the Moderator,—Phil. 2: 12, 13. Salvation, what it is, and how obtained. Topics discussed,—1. The Spirit to be sought, and the means to be used to secure a revival in the churches of this Conference. 2. Our pastorless churches,—how may they sustain and strengthen themselves, and in what ways can the other churches be instrumental in aiding them. Verbal reports were made from the churches. Conference sermon, by the Moderator, Gal. 2: 20. Christ, the source, power, and aim of the christian life. Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. T. E. Brastow and D. W. Hardy.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Jackson, June 10, 11, 1884, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport, *Moderator*. Topics discussed,—1. The New Creed, opened by Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. 2. The Prayer-meeting; what are its objects, and how are they best secured, Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, Stockton. 3. The best method of conducting public worship, Charles T. Hawes, Searsport. 4. Christ in the home, Miles Hemenway, of Jackson. 5. Christ in business, the Moderator. An address in behalf of the christian work of the Am. Missionary Association, by B. R. Wilson, a graduate of Atlanta University.

Resolutions adopted endorsing the prohibitory temperance amendment.

Minute in memory of Revs. Stephen Thurston and Wooster Parker,—adopted.

Opening sermon, Charles T. Hawes, Rev. 22: 17. The elective and executive power of the will. Conference sermon, Rev. John A. Ross, John 17: 3. Is Christianity philosophy, or life? Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, and the Moderator.

The meetings were interesting and well attended.

WILLIAM CORDYNOG JONES, (Marietta C., 1880; Bangor S., 1884,) ordained as Evangelist in Freedom, June 10, 1884. Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe*. Invocation, James K. Aikins; Sermon, by the Moderator, Luke 24: 27. Messianic Prophecy; ordaining prayer, by the preacher; charge, by the Scribe; right hand, Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Sandy Point; Hymn; Benediction, Rev. William C. Jones.

CHARLES TAYLOR HAWES, (Bowdoin, 1876; Bangor, 1882,) acting pastor First church, Searsport, from Nov. 1, 1883.

REV. THOMAS E. BRASTOW, of Rockport, supplied for a time the church in Camden.

REV. AMORY H. TYLER, (Bangor, S., 1854,) called to Camden, June, 1884.

Arthur Gooding Pettengill, *Lic.*, (Bowdoin, 1880; Yale S., middle class,) supplied four months at Frankfort.

REV. WELLINGTON R. CROSS, pastor at Camden, from Nov. 18, 1876, dismissed Oct. 30, 1883. Rev. J. Everts Pohl, of Warren, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Thomaston, *Scribe*.

ROBERT J. KYLE, acting pastor at Jackson and Brooks, from June, 1883, closes his labors June, 1884, and goes to Bowdoin College for a special course of study. Miles Hemenway, of Bangor Seminary, supplies his place three months.

Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast, returned from his foreign tour Oct. 29, 1883, and was welcomed by his people in the vestry, Nov. 1.

Rev. Wooster Parker, pastor in Belfast, 1856—1870, died in Belfast, Jan. 24, 1884, at 76. (See Necrology.)

Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., pastor in Searsport, 1826—1866, died in Searsport, May 27, 1884, at 87. (See Necrology.)

The church edifice of Brooks, repaired.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Maine Deaf Mute Mission, held in Belfast, Aug. 25, 26, 1883. Professor Samuel Greene, a native of Waterford, Me., now of the Belleville Institute for Deaf Mutes, Ontario; Prof. W. B. Swett, of the Beverly Massachusetts Institute, and Rev. Samuel Rowe, State Missionary of the Deaf Mutes, were among those who took part in the proceedings. Mr. Rowe preached on Sabbath A. M., and administered the communion service. Prof. Greene preached P. M. Mr. L. C. Curtiss, of New Gloucester, was the efficient interpreter to those who could hear. Next meeting at New Gloucester, in August, 1884.

Waldo County Sunday School Convention at Winterport, June 24, 25, 1884.

The Waldo Educational Society at Searsport, Oct. 26, 27, 1883.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast First, Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast North, W. G. Hatch; Camden, E. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, Rinaldo Elder; Jackson and Brooks, E. E. Morton, Jackson; Rockport, H. H. Merriam; Sandy Point, Mattie C. Black; Searsport First, Charles T. Hawes; Searsport Second, J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Mrs. Charles Abbott.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Belfast, Dr. S. W. Johnson; Belfast North, W. S. Hatch; Camden, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow; Freedom, Joseph H. Brown; Frankfort, Hayward Pierce; Jackson and Brooks, Albert Croxford; Rockport, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow; Sandy Point, Shepherd Blanchard; Searsport First, George L. Merrill; Searsport Second, Mrs. Maria Pendleton; Unity, —; Winterport, Frank W. Haley.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting at North Belfast, Oct. 7, 8, 1884.

WALDO ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Four meetings in the year. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93. Charles T. Hawes, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829. Annual meeting Second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday in October, at the first full of the moon.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Robbinston, October 16, 17, 1883. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises conducted at the opening by Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton. Scripture read, John 14: 15—23 and 16: 7-16. Sung,—“Come, Holy Spirit.”—Subjects for discussion.—1. The need in our churches of the Holy Spirit; what ought Christians to do. 2. Christian living; the spiritual standard; the need of closer conformity. 3. The duties and privileges of Church membership. 4. What can churches destitute of pastors do for themselves? What ought other churches to do for them? This question was opened by Dea. Cyrus Balkam, of Robbinston, who gave an interesting experience, running back for about 50 years of the church in Robbinston. During much of that time sermons had been read by laymen on the Sabbath.

The following resolution was adopted.—Resolved, that we recognize the great need of a large christian unity and co-operation of Evangelical Churches; and in our towns and villages where two or more such denominations exist which separately are unable to support regular preaching, we recommend, and do most earnestly urge a union of effort for the support of one preacher regularly.

Report of the Churches by the Delegates.—Each Session was opened with devotional exercises.

Sermons by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, Rev. 8: 1, 2. Christ's message to a dead church. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, John 13: 1—16. The washing of the disciples' feet. Commemoration of the Lord's supper, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, and Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, officiating. Deacons Leonard Peabody, and Lyman Gardiner, distributing the elements.

THE FIFTY SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church at Jonesport, June 10, 11, 12, 1884, Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, *Moderator*. Opening devotional meeting, 1.30 P. M., June 10. Sermons, Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, Isa. 42: 3, "A bruised seed shall he not break," etc. Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, John 17: 17, "Sanctify them in thy truth," etc. Topics discussed.—Duty of the Churches in the cause of Temperance; duty of Home religion, and of seeking the conversion of children; the needs of our County in the direction of continued missionary effort to strengthen the weak churches; how can a revival spirit best be promoted in our churches.

On Tuesday P. M. was held a meeting of the County Bible Society, and the Woman's Board of Missions.

There were two praise meetings, and two prayer-meetings—with five seasons of devotional services.

Closing services at noon, June 12.—The Lord's supper; administered by Revs. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville and George E. Chapin, of Princeton, Deacs. P. E. Voe and Warren Hill.

The several meetings of the Conference were spiritual love-feasts.—One of the interesting features, was the revival feeling manifested. On Wednesday evening, eighteen were added to the church on public confession of their faith; all but one being heads of families.

REV. WELLINGTON ROLVIN CROSS, (Bowdoin College, 1861, Bangor Sem., 1865) acting pastor of Church Milltown, N. B., from Dec. 6, 1883.

REV. EBENEZER HOMERTON JENKYNs, (St. David's College, Eng. 1862, St. Augustine's College, Cantab, Eng., 1865,) acting pastor at Eastport, from March 30, 1884.

Rev. Everett L. Walbridge, of Millbridge, General Missionary in Washington Conference, supplied at Cherryfield every other Sabbath during the Winter; he has also preached in Jonesport and Machias-Port.

Raymond C. Drisko, Missionary and Colporteur of the Bible Society, in Washington County, June 1884.

Rev. George W. Kelley, at Eastport, 1877 to 1883, now at Lyndon, Vt.

Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville, and Rev. Daniel Greene, Machias, issued Cards containing record of meetings, topics for prayer meetings, etc., for the year.

Rev. R. Underwood, Evangelist aided in special meetings at Calais, March, 1884.

THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER ST. CHURCH, MACHIAS, was observed, September 12, 1882, in connection with the Semi-Annual meeting of Washington Conference, reported in Minutes 1883, p. 100. The Historical address was delivered by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, acting pastor in Machias, 1855-'71, who furnishes the following notice. This church was organized Sept. 12, 1782, with 42 members. Its first pastor was Rev. James Lyon, who came at the invitation of the citizens in 1781. He was pastor of the church from the date of its organization till the time of his death, Oct. 12, 1794. He was a man of liberal education, of cultivated mind, of earnest piety; he also possessed a cultivated musical taste, and published a book on Music, and several devotional works. In the revolutionary struggle, he took an active part, and rendered most valuable services to the country. His successor was Rev. Clark Brown, ordained Oct. 7, 1795; dismissed Nov. 3, 1797. Rev. Marshfield Steel, was ordained pastor Dec. 8, 1800, continuing such until his death June 25, 1831; but his health failing, his active pastorate terminated Oct. 3, 1821, when Rev. Abraham Jackson, was settled as colleague, whose ministry was very successful, continuing to June 1834. Following, was the ten years pastorate, (1834-'44) of Rev. Samuel D. Ward, a successful minister and greatly beloved by his people. Next came the pastorate of Rev. Reuben S. Kendall, of less than two years duration, (1845-'7) followed by the three years pastorate of Rev. Amos Brown, (1848-'51. On January 5, 1853, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler was ordained, but owing to impaired health his labors closed June 13, 1854. He was succeeded by Rev. Henry F. Harding, whose ministry commenced in June

16, 1855, and closed in June, 1871; the church during this period being united and greatly enlarged, and exerting a beneficial influence throughout the County. One hundred and fifty-two were added to its membership. After the pastorate of Rev. Thomas T. Merry, (1872-'4,) the Rev. Stephen L. Bowler returned in Nov. 1874, and remained nearly five years. His successor was Rev. Daniel Greene, who is the present minister.

During this century, the church has enjoyed three powerful revivals of religion, the first in 1826, when the whole region was profoundly moved by the religious interest, and nearly 200 persons were numbered among the converts.—One in 1840 under Mr. Ward's Ministry—and one in 1874 under Mr. Bowler's Ministry, in which the number of converts reached nearly a hundred.

The Sabbath School has been a great interest in this church, at times numbering between 300 and 400 members, while 4 and 5 other schools have been sustained in the outlying districts.

The Machias Church has been prolific of offspring, and reckons herself the mother of six other churches, circling around the parent stem. The church occupied as its first house of worship, a barn owned by Hon. Stephen Jones. Its next place of worship was a small plain building erected by the town in 1784. In 1794 a large church edifice was built on the present site of the Town Hall by the voluntary gifts of the people, and the present elegant and commodious structure was built by an association of citizens, in 1837.

A second meeting was held in the evening, and largely attended when a number of letters were read from absent or former members, and several addresses made by gentlemen from other parts of the County. The occasion will be long remembered as one of great interest by the large number who participated in the services.

The church edifice at Millbridge to be repaired and renewed at an expense of \$1000.

A society for Christian Endeavor and Literary improvement has been formed in East Machias. At meetings, the first half of the evening is devoted to prayer and remarks, led by female members of the church; the remainder of evening, at short intervals, there is music and literary exercises, under the pastors supervision. A new mission circle formed by ladies and misses of the Sunday School. The ladies have provided a new organ for the Chapel.

Dea. Charles F. Stone, died in Machias. Nov. 1, 1883, æt. 55. Ob. Machias Republican, Nov. 10, Ch. Mirror Nov. 24.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Dea. Joseph A. Wilson; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennyville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesboro, Horace R. Weston; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias East, Dea. S. T. Foster; Machiasport, Alvin N. Harmon; Marshfield, Mrs. Thomas Hamilton; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Mrs. Francis N. Pattangall; Perry, C. G. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robinsonston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B. Stephen H. Hitchings; Topsfield, M. J. C. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, James Pope, p. t.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Calais, George R. Gardner; Cherryfield, Dea. Joseph A. Wilson; Cooper, (Union and Bible class,) Jason L. Dotes; Dennyville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. George A. Peabody, p. t.; Jonesboro, Joseph Batchelder; Jonesport, D. J. Sawyer; Machias, Dea. Gilbert Longfellow; Machias East, Austin Harris; Machiasport, H. L. Small; Marshfield, Elley T. Smith; Milltown, Edward H. Balkham; Northfield, Stephen Smith; Pembroke, B. A. Campbell; Perry, Charles S. Davis; Princeton Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robinsonston, Dea. Rufus Gates; Topsfield, W. T. Johnson; Whiting, Dea. Merrill Dimmore; Whitneyville, A. C. Palmer.

Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next session in Marshfield, Oct. 8, 9, 1884.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.—reported in Minutes 1852-1873. Meeting in June and October. Sub. Association more frequently. Re-organized, June 12, 1878. *Members*.—Minutes 1879, p. 94. Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennyville, *Scribe*.

## YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1832. Annual meeting second Tuesday in June, tri-annual meeting second Tuesday in October; each continues two days.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Limington, Oct. 9, 10, 1833. iv. David B. Sewall, of York, *Moderator*. Sermons,—Rev. George A. Lockwood, Kennebunk, Rom. 13:11, Christian Enthusiasm; Rev. Benjamin Dodge, Lebanon, John 4:7, Love to God, and one another. Topic for remark,—Prevailing modes Sabbath desecration;—how shall we meet them? (1.) As Christians; (2.) as citizens; (3.) as parents. A committee appointed to draft resolutions, reported,—entering a protest against it, and pledging to use all means in our power to discourage it. Second topic,—How to make the prayer-meeting efficacious, interesting, fruitful. Lord's supper administered.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, with the First church, Wells, June 10, 11, 84. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Kennebunkport, *Moderator*. Sermons,—Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, Luke 1:33, l. c. Topic,—Infallibility of Scripture not necessary to Christianity. Rev. Henry C. Robinson, of Buxton, John 12:3. Topic,—Spontaneity of service. A paper was read by Rev. H. C. Robinson, on the ecclesiastical authority of pastors; address, by Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford, on Sunday school work, followed by discussion. The claims of the Am. Missionary Association were presented by Rev. James Powell, D. D., Dis. Sec'y of New York. Resolutions on Temperance, and in favor of the Constitutional amendment, adopted. Published in Ch. Mir., June 28. A committee was raised to report at tri-annual meeting, and present plans for a County Sunday School Institute, or her organization. *Committee*, Revs. B. P. Snow, C. E. Andrews, and G. A. Lockwood. Report of the churches. Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. David Hibbard, of Elliot, and Hiram Houston, of Wells, Second church.

REV. CHARLES EVERETT ANDREWS, (Dartmouth C., 1861; Bangor S., 1863,) installed pastor Second church, Biddeford, Jan. 17, 1884. Council met at 2 P. M., iv. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk, *Scribe*. Installation services, 7:30 P. M. Organ prelude, Pilgrim chorus,—*Wagner*; result of Council, by the *Scribe*; invocation, Rev. Collins G. Arnhem, of South Freeport; anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains," *W. Perkins*; reading of the Scripture, Isa. 42, Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Cass; hymn, 317,—New Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book, "In the cross of Christ I live,"—tune, *Bartimus*; sermon, Rev. Robert R. Meredith, of Boston, Mass., Isa. 42:4, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged," etc; installing prayer, Rev. George Lewis, South Berwick; response by choir, "We wait for thy loving kindness;" hymn 4, "Awake, my soul! stretch every nerve;" charge to pastor, Rev. Henry C. Robinson, Buxton; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Merrill Blanchard, of Pavilion ch., Biddeford; address to the people, Rev. John D. Emerson, Kennebunkport; prayer, iv. Benjamin Dodge, Lebanon; anthem by choir, "Dona Nobis" *H. Farmer*; exhortation; benediction by pastor; organ postlude, "Hymnus," *Fr. Liszt*.

REV. HENRY CLAY ROBINSON, (Bowdoin, 1860,) acting pastor at Buxton South, from Aug. 26, 1883.

Frederic T. Rouse, of Hartford Seminary, supplies Sanford four months, June, 84.

REV. HENRY T. ARNOLD, dismissed from First church, Wells, May 31, 1883. Record, Minutes 1883, p. 104.

REV. HENRY J. STONE, acting pastor at Sanford, from Nov. 11, 1877; resigns Feb. 1, 84, and accepts call to North Rochester, and Lakeville, Mass.

REV. AMOS REDLON, acting pastor at West Newfield, from July 1, 1882, resigns April 1, 1884. Goes to Southwest Harbor.

REV. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, acting pastor at Buxton, May 1881 to 1883, accepts a call, March, 1884, to Alton, N. H.

REV. GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY, acting pastor at Lyman, from 1876, June 1, closed his labors, May 18, 1884. A farewell meeting was held June 25, expressive of the love and esteem of his parish, and the citizens.

REV. BENJAMIN DODGE, acting pastor at Lebanon, from 1877, Nov. 18, resigned, to take effect July 19, 1884.

The early ministers of York County were referred to by Rev. A. K. P. Small, of First Baptist church, Portland, at a meeting of the York Society, in Portland, March 28, 1884. Reported, Portland Press, March 29.

The First and South churches, Kennebunkport, Rev. John D. Emerson, acting pastor, united in issuing a Church Manual, and a roll of members in the churches, congregations and Sabbath schools. It is in a 12 mo. form, 36 pps. The First or North church occupies 21 pps., and the South church 15 pps. Each church has three deacons and two deaconesses. A brief history is given of each church. The first meeting-house in Kennebunkport was built in 1727, at Cape Porpoise, where the Cape school house now stands. It was burned in 1769. The edifice built in 1764, on Burbank Hill, where the present house of worship now stands. It was taken down in 1842, and the present edifice built. The church edifice of the South church was built in 1824; changes made in 1843, '54, '73, '75, and '81.

*Biddeford, Pavilion ch.*—The church edifice burned Nov. 18, 1883, originating in the basement near the furnace. Loss, \$15,000; insured, \$12,000. The building was erected twenty years ago, costing \$40,000. A contract for re-building was made, and the vestry is finished and occupied.... *Buxton North ch.*—Home expenditures, \$435. Reported too late for Statistical Table, page 67, and *Parsonfeld*, Union Sunday school, numbering thirty.... *Cornish*.—"The Hillside Gleaners" organized Feb. 16, 1884, to work for Miss Grace Kimball, Van, Turkey. Two barrels of clothing sent to destitute Freedmen in Mobile, Ala., in care of Miss Lizzie A. Pingree, a native of Denmark, Me., now a missionary at Mobile. The Sunday school in Cornish, is educating a colored girl in Mobile. The vestry is to be painted.... *Kennebunk*.—By the will of Horatio N. Perkins, of Melrose, Mass., the church receives \$1000, in memory of his sainted mother, a member of the same, September, 1883. Letter from Kennebunk, E. H. S., Ch. Mir., Sept. 1.... *Saco*.—Church edifice painted outside. The seventy-first anniversary of the Sunday school, held June 1, 1884; Rev. Benjamin M. Frink, a former pastor, delivered the address. George G. Cressey, son of Rev. George W. Cressey, pastor at Buxton fifteen years, (1852-67,) has preached at Saco, occasionally, during the winter and spring... During the time occupied in repairing the Baptist church, united meetings have been held in the Congregational church. Mutual expressions of christian fellowship were made, at the last meeting, March 23, 1884, when the union services ended.... *South Berwick*.—Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., supplied the pulpit June 1.... *Wells Second ch.*—Have renovated the parsonage inside, and painted the outside.

W. C. Pillsbury, chosen Secretary of the Biddeford Young Men's Christian Association, to succeed Robert F. True, who has gone to Rockford, Ill.

Meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at Old Orchard, Aug. 4, 5, 1883.... Anniversary of the National Temperance Union, at Old Orchard, Sept 6-9. Opening address, by the President, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr.—Gov. Robie, Dr. Miner, Dr. Dorchester and others took part in the exercises.... Ninth annual meeting of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in Kennebunk, Sept. 26-28.

The York County Educational Association, Rev. B. P. Snow, President, met in Berwick, May 2, 1884.

Dea. Clement Lord Stone, deacon First church Kennebunkport, died July 6, 1883, at 53.... Mrs. Harriet Staples, in York, Sept. 3, 1883, at 83. Ob., Ch. Mir., Sept. 29.... Mrs. Eunice T. Merrill, wife of Rev. George R. Merrill, pastor Second church, Biddeford, 1877-79, suddenly, in Painesville, O., Nov. 29. Ob., Cong'l'st, Dec. 13.... Capt. Joseph Nason, in Kennebunk, Jan. 17, 1884.... Alexander Shapleigh, in Elliot, Clerk of the church, Jan. 27, at 77.... John L. Sanborn, in West Newfield, Feb. 19. Ob., A. Redlon, Ch. Mir., March 29.... Mrs. Mary Hooper Merrill, in Biddeford, Feb. 21, at 73.... William Miller, Sanford, March 11, at 81. Ob., Ch. Mir., May 10.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. William S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford First, John R. Staples; Biddeford Second, Dr. Thomas Haley;



Biddeford Pavilion, E. S. Morris; Buxton South, Bar. Millson; Buxton North, Osman K. Cobb, Groverville, Buxton; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, M. Varney; Kennebunk Union, Dea. Joseph Titcomb; Kennebunkport, S. Bertha Smith; Kennebunkport South, Mrs. William F. Moody; Kittery Point, James H. Walker; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, Winburn Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Jacob Goodwin, Kennebunk Depot; Newfield West, Dea. E. H. Symes; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, No. Parsonsfield; Saco, Benjamin U. Goodale; Sanford, Prescott Emery; Sanford South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, Mrs. Clark; South Berwick, Rev. George Lewis; Wells First, John W. Hubbard; Wells Second, Charles F. Littlefield; York First, Rev. David B. Sewall; York Second, J. H. Moody.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Acton, J. Lyman Gerrish; Alfred, Samuel M. Calme; Biddeford First, —; Biddeford Second, William F. Libbey; Biddeford Pavilion, John H. Small; Buxton North, Mark Oman; Buxton South, Arthur Towle; Cornish, Roscoe G. Smith; Elliot, Thomas Adlington, South Elliot; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. George A. Lockwood; Kennebunkport First, Frank Meserve; Kennebunkport South, Capt. Henry B. Twombly; Kittery, Wm. H. Brown; Lebanon, Rev. Benjamin Dodge; Limerick, Samuel T. Bradbury; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Cyrus W. Murphy; Newfield West, Charles Pinkham; Parsonsfield, J. G. Wedgwood, (Union); Saco, Theodore L. Young; Sanford, Moses Rankin; Sanford South, James L. Tripp; Shapleigh, —; South Berwick, John H. Plumer; Wells First, Barak Maxwell; Wells Second, George W. Littlefield; York First, Capt. Frank P. Emerson; York Second, J. H. Moody.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. William S. Thompson, Acton, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Kennebunkport South, Oct. 14, 15, 1884.

**YORK ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. *Members, Minutes 1879*, p. 94, Rev. Alpha Morton of Wells, *Scribe*.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the **PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION**, N. H., formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe*.

## MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

		Ordained	
John C. Adams.....	Falmouth.....	1851, August	19
Jonathan E. Adams.....	Bangor.....	1859, October	19
John W. H. Baker.....	Farmington Falls.....	1855, June	29
Silas Baker.....	Standish.....	1852, March	7
Thomas E. Brastow.....	Rockport.....	1855, October	11
Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D.....	Brunswick.....	1852, October	6
Philip Bunnell.....	Phillips.....	1828, June	8
Jonas Burnham.....	Farmington.....	1858, July	28
John J. Carruthers, D. D.....	Portland.....	1819, June	8
Calvin Chapman.....	Kennebunkport.....	1842, December	8
Ephriam C. Cummings.....	Portland.....	1856, March	17
David Q. Cushman.....	Bath.....	1838, February	7
Prof. Francis B. Denio.....	Bangor.....	1831, January	11
Henry V. Emmons.....	Hallowell.....	1859, November	13
John O. Fiske, D. D.....	Bath.....	1843, August	17
Samuel L. Gould.....	Bethel.....	1839, October	23
Henry B. Hart.....	Brooksville.....	1839, December	21
Horatio Hsley.....	South Freeport.....	1837, October	26
Alfred E. Ives.....	Castine.....	1838, September	25
William V. Jordan.....	Saco.....	1836, September	13
Marcus R. Keep.....	Ashland.....	1847, January	4
Elbridge Knight.....	Fort Fairfield.....	1843, September	13
Daniel Lane.....	Freeport.....	1843, November	5
John K. Lincoln.....	Bangor.....	1862, September	20
Amasa Loring.....	Yarmouthville.....	1842, June	15
Henry S. Loring.....	Winthrop.....	1850, June	20
Joseph Loring.....	East Otisfield.....	1833, September	10
Thomas G. Mitchell.....	Madison Bridge.....	1846, November	18
Edward O. Osgood.....	Bluehill.....	1871, October	24
Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1861, October	9
Samuel W. Pearson.....	Brunswick.....	1870, November	9
William Pierce.....	Hollis.....	1836, August	1
Daniel F. Potter.....	Brunswick.....	1852, October	25
J. Loring Pratt.....	Strong.....	1867, November	7
Prof. Charles J. H. Ropes.....	Bangor.....	1877, August	15
Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1859, April	20
Dwight M. Seward, D. D.....	Portland.....	1836, March	1
Alfred L. Skinner.....	Bucksport.....	1854, January	27
Joseph Smith.....	Bangor.....	1842, November	10
Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1873, October	14
Henry G. Storer.....	Scarboro.....	1850, March	30
Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1836, December	7
Daniel D. Tappan.....	Weld.....	1826, November	14
Sewall Tenney, D. D.....	Ellsworth.....	1831, August	10
James B. Thornton.....	Scarboro.....	1861, June	4
Israel P. Warren, D. D.....	Portland.....	1842, April	20

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# NECROLOGY.

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REV. JOHN STOCKMAN BATCHELDER, in West Auburn, Me., January 27, 1884, æt. 58.

Mr. B., the son of Dea. John and Rebecca Batchelder, was born in Hampton, N. H., November 30, 1825. Grad. at Williams College 1852; Andover Seminary, 1856; ordained and installed pastor, Jaffrey, N. H., 1858, Oct. 20; dismissed, 1864; acting-pastor, West Springfield, Mass., 1865; installed, Hillsdale, N. H., 1866, March 8; dismissed, 1871; Webster, Mass., 1871, Dec. 8, to 1875; labored in Hampton, N. H., 1875, Apr. 23 to 1877; left on account of throat trouble, residing at Kingston, N. H.; at Stratham, N. H., 1879, '80; acting-pastor, West Auburn, 1882, April 23, expecting to be installed as pastor; but the Master called him to a higher service.

Mr. B., married Sept. 17, 1862, Mary W., daughter of Dea. Abel Baker, of Troy, N. H. Cong'l at Feb. 14, March 27.

REV. NATHANIEL BARKER, in Wakefield, N. H., Oct. 18, 1893, of old age, æt. 88 years.

Mr. B., the son of Samuel and Betsey (Rogers) Barker, was born in Amesbury, Mass., 1796, Jan. 6. He was fitted for College under the private instruction of clergymen in Bethel, Me., and at Hebron Academy, Me. Grad. at Dartmouth, 1822; Andover, 1825. Pastor at South Mendon, Mass., 1826-'31; acting-pastor, Wakefield, N. H., 1835-'56, afterwards without charge. His father lived in Bethel, Me., from 1805, after the revolution, serving in the army through the whole time. Cong'l st. Nov. 1. Vital Statistics, Cong'l. Year Book, 1884, p. 18.

REV. BENJAMIN HOWE, in Hudson, Hillsboro Co., N. H., October 18, 1883, of kidney disease and enteritis, æt. 76.

Mr. H., the son of Joseph and Mehitabel (Stickney) Howe, was born in Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 4, 1807. Preparatory studies at Topsfield Academy; Groveland and Bradford, and at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H. Graduated at Amherst College, 1838, at East Windsor, Theo. Sem'y, 1841, acting-pastor at Coventry, R. I., 1843-'44; acting-pastor of Second Church, Wells from 1844; ordained its pastor, 1845, Nov. 5; dismissed, 1849, Nov. 5; teacher and preacher, Brooklyn, Ct., 1850-'55; acting-pastor at Meredith, N. Y., 1855-'60; without charge at Meredith, 1860-'66; acting-pastor, Hudson, N. H., April 1866-'67; at Lempster, N. H., June 1867-'70; installed pastor, Ipswich, Mass., Line Brook Ch., 1871, May 3, and died in office; on account of feeble health removed to Hudson, N. H., May, 1883. "His was a sincere service for the Master, his an exalted and abiding faith and an earnest love for souls. Taking into account the severity of his teacher Experience,—the quick impulses of his nature, his wise discretion, and his godly life, he stands before us a massive character, a grand and noble manhood, commanding our respect and winning our love." During the last few weeks of his life, his sufferings were intense, yet no murmur was spoken; he bore all with a fortitude equal to his abiding faith. Married May 31,

1842, Waty Williams, daughter of William and Waty (Williams) Tyler, of Brooklyn, Conn. Cong'l st. Nov. 1; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 26. Ob. Essex County Mercury, Salem, Mass., Oct. 24, '83.

REV SAMUEL STILLMAN DRAKE, in North Berwick, Me., Nov. 12, 1883, of typhoid fever, æt. 79.

Mr. S., the son of Enoch and Sarah (Marion) Drake, born in Canton, Mass. 1804, July 21. His preparatory education was acquired at Wrentham Academy, Mass., and Whitesboro Academy, N. Y. With a view to the ministry, he studied with Rev. Luther Sheldon, D. D., of Easton, Mass., and Rev. Calvin Park, D. D., of Stoughton, Mass. In the fall of 1829, he entered the Classical School, Bangor Me., connected with the Bangor Theo. Sem'y., and graduated from Bangor Sem'y, in 1834. He was licensed by the Penobscot Association, Bangor, Sep. 11, 1833. Ordained pastor at Blanchard, 1834, Oct. 15; dismissed 1837, Oct. 15; acting-pastor at Garland, from Oct. 1837, supplying also the church in Dexter, to Feb. 1841; installed pastor at Garland, 1841, Feb. 24; dismissed 1847, March—; supplying also Sangerville, 1844-'46; Kenduskeag at intervals, 1845-'47, and Exeter, 1841-'48; acting-pastor at Boothbay and Edgecomb, 1843-'47; at Biddeford First Church, from Aug. 22, 1847; installed its pastor, 1848, May 16; dismissed 1850, Oct. 30; acting-pastor, Phippsburg, from Oct. 15, 1850; installed pastor 1851, Feb. 29; dismissed 1855, Jan. 15; acting pastor at Woolwich, Jan. 1855, to Sept. 1858; West Falmouth, Second Church, 1859-'60; without charge at Bath, 1860-'62; acting-pastor Deer Isle, First Church, Aug. 17, 1862-'68; Kittery, Nov. 1868 to May '72; Buxton, 1872, whence he went to Sullivan, N. H., where he was acting-pastor June, 1873 to May, 1878; without charge at Northfield, Mass., 1879-'83. He then went to North Berwick, Me. He was an able, earnest and diligent minister. Mr. D. married March 11, 1835, Priscilla, daughter of Thomas and Priscilla (Brown) Brastow, of Brewer. One of the sons is Rev. Ellis R. Drake, of Northfield, Mass. Notice by E. H., Cong'l st., Nov. 29, 1883; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 22, Lewiston Journal, Me., Nov. 24.

REV. JOHN OLIVER MEANS, D. D., at Mount Pleasant, Boston, Mass., Dec. 8, 1883, of angina pectoris, æt. 61.

Dr. M., the son of John and Sarah (Moody) Means, was born in Augusta, Me., 1822, Aug. 1. Grad. Bowdoin College, 1843; at Bangor Sem'y. 1843, 4; pursuer U. S. Navy, 1844-'47; Grad. Andover, 1849; ordained East Medway, Mass. 1851, Dec. 3; dismissed 1855, Aug. 14; installed, Vine St. Church, Roxbury, Mass., 1857, Sept. 13; dismissed 1877, Sept. 13; Secretary Cong'l. Pub. Soc., 1878-'80; Cor. Secretary A. B. C. F. M., 1880, until his death. Portland Press, Dec. 4; Miss'y Herald, Feb. 1884, p. 45, with portrait; Vital Statistics, Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 31.

REV. EDWIN JOHNSON, in Morrisania, N. Y. City, December 25, 1883, of typhoid fever, æt. 57.

Mr. J. the son of Robert and Wealthy Johnson, was born in Plymouth, Ct., 1826, December 1. Preparatory studies were pursued at Plymouth; graduated Yale College, 1846; two years, 1847-9 in Union Theo. Sem'y.; graduated Yale Sem'y. 1850; acting-pastor at Milford, Conn., 1850-1; ordained pastor, Jacksonville, Ill., 1851, June 6; dismissed 1850, May 26; installed, Bowdoin St. Church, Boston, Mass., 1850, June 29; dis. 1861, Sept. 18; installed Hammond St. Church, Bangor, Me., 1861, Oct. 16; dismissed 1865, Nov. 8; acting-pastor, First Cong'l. Church, Baltimore, Md., 1866; installed pastor, 1867, June 12; dismissed 1869, Nov. 4; installed pastor, Bridgeport, Ct. 1870, Nov. 8; dismissed 1878, Nov. 2; without charge at Bridgeport, and New York City; principal of School for Young Ladies, in Morrisania, New York City, and supplying the church in M.

"Mr. J., was a warm hearted and lovable man," "a scholar in his tastes, and wielded a versatile and sometimes elegant pen." He published, "Saint Chrysostom, or the Mouth of Gold," and contributor to the press, of poetry and prose; an address before the Am. Education Society, and one before the Massachusetts Bible Soc. were published. "He was a genial and good man, who was ever diligent in the Master's service." Cong'l'st., Jan. 3. The Manhattan Association of which he was a member, paid a tribute to his memory. So did Hammond St. Ch., Bangor, Me., and other churches of which he was pastor.

Mr. J., married Sarah K., daughter of James and Lucy Bartlett, of Portsmouth, N. H. Mrs. J., was, with the daughters associated with Mr. J., in the school at Morrisania.

REV. WILLIAM ABIAL SPAULDING, in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 10, 1884, of heart disease, *et.* 37. *u*

Mr. S., the son of Rev. William S. and Harriet Bliss (Nettleton) Spaulding, was born in Boscawen, N. H., March 2, 1847. Studied at Meriden Academy, N. H.; Dartmouth College, 1865-7-9; Bangor Sem'y., 1870. Licensed by the Penobscot Association, July 13, 1869. Ordained Pastor Second Church, New Castle, Me., 1870, Aug. 4; dismissed 1873, Oct. 9; three years a Missionary of A. B. C. F. M. in Turkey, 1872-4; installed pastor, Chesnut St. Church, Lynn, Mass., 1874, Sept. 9; dismissed 1879, May 1; pastor Second church, Attleboro, Mass., 1879, Sept. 11, resigning in 1883, on account of nervous prostration, a few weeks before his death. He was ever earnest and energetic. He had won the hearts of his people. In 1873, a sermon of his was published;—"The Golden Rule," with reference to the labor trouble. Con'l'st., Jan. 17. Mr. S. married July 29, 1870, Georgia S. Davidson, of Bucksport, Me.

REV. STEPHEN TITCOMB, in Farmington, Me., Jan. 22, 1884, of typhoid pneumonia, *et.* 75.

Mr. T., the son of Joseph and Mehetable (Belcher) Titcomb, was born in Farmington, Me., 1809, Sept. 16. He graduated at Bowdoin College in 1830. After teaching for a time, he spent a few years in the practice of the law. Feeling called to the ministry, he entered Bangor Sem'y.; was licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association at Bangor, Sept. 1, 1853; graduated at Bangor Sem'y. in 1854; preached in Dexter, in 1853, and East Brooksville in 1854; in Winchendon, Mass., for a short time, and then returned to the Sem'y. as a resident graduate, until March 18, 1855, when he went to Weld, and on the 6th of June, 1855, was ordained pastor; dis. in 1867, Jan. 9; preached in the brick meeting house at North Farmington from July 1, 1867, and residing at Weld; acting-pastor at Industry, 1868, Dec. 1, to 1871, Feb. 3. Compelled to relinquish professional work by a bronchial affection, he retired to a farm in his native town. Whig and Courier, Bangor, Jan. 28; Cong'l'st. Jan. 31, Ch. Mirror, Feb. 2.

Mr. T., married June 20, 1839, Apphia H. Stanley, daughter of James and Temperance V. Stanley, of Farmington. She died Dec. 18, 1843, (2.) June 14, 1855, Harriet Ellis, daughter of Rev. Manning and Harriet C. Ellis, of Brooksville. She died Nov. 13, 1882.

REV. WOOSTER PARKER, in Belfast, Me., Jan. 24, 1884, of heart disease, *et.* 77.

Mr. P., the son of Rev. James and Mary (Peck) Parker, was born in Underhill, Vt., May 9, 1807. When young, he removed to Enosburg, Vt., spending his time on a farm. At the age of 15, during a revival, he was converted, and his thoughts were turned to the ministry. Preparatory studies were pursued at St. Albans, Vt., and at the Bangor (Me.) Classical School. He graduated at Bangor Sem'y., in 1832. Licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association, 1831. Ordained pastor at Castine 1832, Sept. 21;

dismissed 1836, Jan. 18; installed pastor at Orono, 1836, March 2; dismissed 338, Dec. 11; acting-pastor at Brewer, First Church, 1838, Nov. 11 to 1841, March 31; Winterport and Frankfort, 1841, Oct. 21 to 1842, Oct. 21; installed pastor of Foxcroft and Dover church 1842, Nov. 10; dismissed 1856, Sept. 9; installed pastor at Belfast, 1856, Oct. 8; dismissed 1870, Nov. 14. He supplied the Second church, Searsport in 1871, and afterwards other churches occasionally. He was at North Belfast, and Strong, a few months in 1882. He was for a time in the Custom House at Belfast, and afterwards supervisor of Schools in B. Mr. P., took an active part in the County and State Conference, and was often appointed on Committees. He was pronounced against Slavery. He was the Moderator of the General Conference of Maine in the year 1855-6 and 7; the preacher in 1848, at the meeting in Hammond St. Church, Bangor, 1848; and in 1860, at the fifty-third anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society, and one of the Trustees from 1865-1872; trustee of the Bangor Theological Seminary, from 1858,—until his death; president of the Maine Cong'l. Charitable Society, from 1872 to 1881. Mr. P., was an able preacher, clear, pointed and original in his style. "He was a man of striking presence, of a high order of talent, a close observer, a diligent reader, a careful thinker, conscientious in his beliefs, and wise in deliberation, convincing in debate." In December he wrote to a friend.—"My work is done, Oh, how poorly done! I am sorry and ashamed of my poor work, but it is just like the good Lord to accept service he most imperfect. The Lord Jesus is a glorious Saviour, and his simple Gospel is good and glorious."

He was a great sufferer in his latter days. When the remark was made, "you know something of the sufferings of the Saviour in the garden," he said—"Oh no! I am better off than He was, I am not deserted by my friends."

On Jan. 1, 1848, he married Wealthy Ann, eldest daughter of Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D. Two children now survive.—Rev. Edwin Pond Parker, D. D., of Hartford, Ct., and Mrs. Delia W. Thompson, of Belfast. The Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor Seminary, and Rev. John A. Ross. On the following Sabbath, commemorative services were held in the church. Sermon by Rev. John A. Ross, the pastor. The Pulpit was draped. Whig, Bangor, Jan. 24; Cong'l't, Jan. 31; Ch. Mirror, S. H. Hayes, Feb. 2.

**REV. CALVIN WHITE**, in Amherst, Mass., Jan. 26, 1884, æt. 85, of catarrh of the stomach and gall, and of the whole mucous membrane.

Mr. W., the son of Israel and Margaret (Tubbs) White, was born in Raynham, Mass., Sept. 12, 1799. From the autumn of 1822, to the spring of 1824, he attended Monmouth Academy, Me., part of the time studying with Rev. David Thurston, Winthrop. Graduated from Bangor, in 1827. He was licensed by the Hancock and Penobscot Association at Bangor, Dec. 20, 1826. In 1827-8, he fulfilled mission work in Searsmont, Belmont, Lincolnville, Montville; also in Readfield, Wilton and Dixfield. Ordained Evangelist at Robbinston, Oct. 28, 1829, remaining to July 19, 1832; at Garland and Exeter, 1833; ins. pastor at Gray, Aug. 6, 1833; dis. May 31, 1837; acting pastor at Hebron and West Minot, 1838; at Loudon, N. H., April 1839 to 1841; at Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass., 1842; Dover, Mass., 1844 to '47; removing to Gardiner, Me., in 1840, he preached in Albion and Sebasticook, Me., and in other places as he had opportunity. In May, 1857 he removed to Amherst, Mass., purchasing a farm, on which he lived, until failing strength made it necessary to dispose of it. While residing in Amherst, he supplied occasionally vacant pulpits.

His sickness was long and very distressing. His faith and hope never failed; his trust in Christ was unshaken to the last.

Mr. W., married Feb. 2, 1830, Miss Mary Nye Dickson, of East Machias, Me. She died May 2, 1841. In 1845, Jan. 8, he married Ellen

Maria Nickerson, of Boston, Mass. Children now living, John Calvin White, Amherst, Mass.; Mary Ellen (Mrs. Dorville J. Libby), Gardiner, Me.; Wm. Henry, Virginia, and who served in the war; Eliza Jane (Mrs. Edwin C. Waite) Boston, Mass.; Cordelia Tapper, Boston, Mass.; Julia Maria (Mrs. A. S. Spencer), San Francisco, Cal.; Albert Nickerson, Amherst, Mass.; Louisa Nickerson, Boston, Mass. Samuel White was wounded during the war, near Spotsylvania Court House, Va., May 10, 1864, and died in Fredericksburg, May 20, 1864.

REV. MICAH WALKER STRICKLAND, in Prentissvale, Pa., Feb. 13, 1864, *æt.* 80.

Mr. S., the son of William and Beulah (Walker) Strickland, was born in Turner, Me., March 27, 1804. Classical Education at North Yarmouth, and at Gorham Academies, and at the classical School, connected with the Seminary at Bangor. Graduated from Bangor Seminary, in 1834; acting-pastor at Mt. Desert, from 1834-'42; ordained pastor of the church of Amherst and Aurora, June 9, 1842; dismissed, July 8, 1845. At Smithport, Pa., from Aug. 10, 1848 to 1851. Taught at Black Creek and Hudson, N. Y., from March, 5, 1854, where he also preached three years. Renewed ministerial work at Prentissvale, Pa., from Aug. 26, 1860—connected with the church which he had organized in 1851, and working on a small farm—preaching as occasion offered. In his last days he seemed like Bunyan's pilgrim to be dwelling in the border-land of Heaven,—waiting and longing for the summons to "go up higher." The last words spoken by him were the promise of the Saviour. "I go to prepare a place for you," etc.

REV. LEAVITT BARTLETT, in San Bernardino, California, March 9, 1864, *æt.* 47, (Quick Consumption.)

Mr. B., the son of Seth and Asenath (Hutchings) Bartlett, was born in Coventry, Vt., August 14, 1837. Preliminary education at Derby and Irasburg, Vt., studied law: admitted to the bar of Orleans Co., Vt., and began practice in Irasburg, Vt. In 1862, he was converted, and at once began to study for the ministry. He graduated from Bangor Seminary, in 1865—Licensed by the Penobscot Association, July 12, 1864. He went to Kansas, and organized one of the first Congregational Churches. His health failing him, he returned to the east, and was ordained pastor of the First Church, Yarmouth, Me., Sept. 14, 1871, laboring with earnestness until ill health led to his resignation in 1873, although he was not dismissed until March 3, 1875. He returned west, and entered into business in Kansas City. His love for the ministry led him again to enter upon it at Olathe, Kansas, in 1874, and afterwards at Clifton, when feeble health led to his resignation, and he again entered upon mercantile business in Kansas City, supplying vacant churches in the vicinity, as there was opportunity. In 1883 his health failed so rapidly that he gave up all, and went to the mountains. He soon after received an appointment as Superintendent of Home Missions in New Mexico and Arizona, with Head Quarters at Albuquerque, N. Mex., but was obliged to leave this work and go to California for complete rest, where he remained until death.—The funeral services took place in the church at Wyandotte, Kansas. Married Emily Scales, daughter of Rev. William Scales, of Lyndon, Vt.

"He was a man of large ability, a good speaker, of thorough consecration. Wherever he preached he attached the people to him." Advance, Apr. 3. Home Missionary for May, p. 3.

REV. NATHANIEL MINER, in Salem, Conn., March 23, 1864, *æt.* 86.

Mr. M., the son of Nathaniel and Remembrance (Goddard) Miner, was born in Stonington, Conn., Dec. 13, 1798. Studied several years with Rev. Ira Hark, at Stonington;—Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1824; Licensed by Penobscot Association, Jan. 7, 1824. Ordained pastor Chesterfield, (Most-



ville, Ct.,) Oct. 11, 1826; dis. July, 1869; a. p. also at Grassy Hill, (Lyme Ct.,) March, 1827-29; at Bozrah, Ct., 1829-31; pastor at Mellington, May 28, 1833, to May 18, 1857; at Salem, Ct., May, 1857, to 1864, afterwards without charge, being in ill health. Married, Oct. 15, 1826, Emeline S. Ransom, of Salem, Ct. Four children living. Mr. M. was "of more than ordinary ability, a sound theologian, of profound convictions, firm in the defence of truth, and a faithful pastor." Cong'lst and Advance, April 3.

**REV. THOMAS NEWMAN LORD**, in Oshkosh, Wis., March 25, 1884, æt. 77.

Mr. L., the son of Thomas and Sarah (Newman) Lord, was born in Newburyport, Mass., August 19, 1807. He prepared for College at Farmington, (1823,) and Monmouth, (1829); he graduated at Bowdoin, in 1835; studied Theology with Rev. David Thurston, D. D., of Winthrop, and Rev. Thomas Shepard. After supplying at Litchfield, Me., a part of 1836, '37, he was ordained pastor at Topsham, Aug. 10, 1837; dis. July 12, 1842; acting-pastor Second Ch. Biddeford, Aug. 7, 1842-'47, and pastor, Oct. 9, 1844, to July 9, 1851; acting-pastor, West Auburn, Aug. 1, 1851 to June 30, 1857; at Limerick, July 5, 1857 to Oct. 1858, and again July 1, 1870 to July 1, 1874; pastor, West Auburn, Oct. 27, 1858; dis. 1862; acting-pastor at Woolwich from June, 1863, six months; North Yarmouth, April 24, 1864, to April, 1867; Parsonsfield, 1867 and in 1875; Kennebunk-Port, First Ch., Feb. 1, 1869 to Nov. 1, 1875; Sanford, October, 1875-'77; Kittery, 1879-'80; Limington, 1881; without charge at Limerick, to 1882. In 1867, '68 he was acting-pastor in Osippee, N. H. In Oct. 1882, he went to Oshkosh, Wis.

A sermon preached by him in Biddeford, on State Fast in 1847, was published; also, his Historical discourse at the centennial observance of the organization of the Church in Winthrop, Sept. 4, 1876.

He was married Sept. 3, 1835, to Mary E. (Allen) Tupper, daughter of Dr. James Tupper, Hallowell, Me. She survives him at Oshkosh.—A daughter, Mrs. F. W. Swasey also resides there. An adopted son, Lieut. Thomas W. Lord, of the U. S. Army, is now stationed at Camp Supply, Indian Territory. Another adopted son, Surgeon George E. Lord, was with Gen. Custer in his campaign against the Indians in 1876.

"His stewardship to his Master had been honest and faithful." "His life remarkably self sacrificing." "Humble as God's servant, he was inflexibly proud in the exercises of his duties, and scrupulous to the last degree." Lewiston Journal, April 8; Ch. Mirror, April 12.

**REV. SETH HARDY**, in Ypsilanti, Mich. April 26, 1884, æt. 79.

Mr. H., the son of Jacob and Hannah (Hardy) Hardy, was born at Bradford, Mass., October 19, 1804. Fitted for College at Bradford; graduated at Amherst C., 1832; Andover S., 1835; at Pittston, Me., 1836, '37; ordained Pastor of the First and South Churches, Vassalboro, 1837, July 12; dis. 1839, April 2. Home Missionary Pinckney and vic. Mich., 1840-'43; a. p. Pr. Ch. Owasso, etc., Mich., '46-'47; Pr. ch. Byron, and Cong'l Ch., Shiawassee, Mich., '47-'50; Pr. ch. Comstock, Mich., '50-'51; Cong'l. Ch., Vermontville, Mich., '51-'54; Pr. ch. Springport, Mich., '54-'56; W. C. Ypsilanti, Mich. from 1856. Married 1840, Oct. 14, Cordelia M., daughter of Ezekiel Dickinson, of Amherst, Mass., nine children.

**REV. STEPHEN THURSTON**, D. D., in Searsport, May 27, 1884, æt. 87.

Mr. T., the son of David and Chloe (Redington) Thurston, was born in Sedgwick, Me. December 22, 1797.

He graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1825, and was licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association, 1824. He went to Prospect, (now Searsport,) Sept. 1, 1825, and supplied the First church; was ordained and installed pastor, August 9, 1826, and remained among that people, loving and beloved, as their under shepherd, until August 1, 1864, though his official relation was not dissolved by Council, until May 16, 1866, when his successor, Rev. J. E. Adams, was installed.

Dr. T., was called from his pastoral charge, on the death of Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, to fill the vacancy; and to which he was elected in June 1864. The duties of this office he fulfilled with diligence and ability until failing health led him to resign in June 1876. In November of that year, he entered upon a mission at Burlington, remaining a few months. After that, he was at his home in Searsport; his bodily and mental powers gradually failing to the end.

While pastor at Searsport, he was active in all the agencies to promote the kingdom of Christ, and officially connected with various organizations in the State. In 1846-'7-'8, he was the Moderator of the General Conference of Maine, at its sessions in Augusta, Portland and Bangor; served frequently on Committees, and as Delegate to other Ecclesiastical Bodies; Trustee of the Maine Missionary Society from 1849 to 1880; Trustee of the Bangor Theological Seminary, 1850 to 1882, and President of the Board from 1860 to 1880, succeeding the thirteen years Presidency of Rev. John Maltby, who died in 1860. He was also Trustee of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, from 1864 to 1881, and preached the sermon at Central St., Bath, at its anniversary in 1884,—and delivered an address at the anniversary in 1871, Winter St., Bath.

From 1860, he has been Vice President from Maine, of the American Missionary Association. The cause of anti-slavery and temperance ever found in him an earnest advocate.

Dr. T. was ready, eloquent and forcible in his preaching, and especially in platform speeches.

He delivered the sermon before the Maine Missionary Society at its 28th anniversary in 1836, at Augusta; the discourse at the funeral of Rev Jonathan Fisher, Bluehill, in 1847; and the same year, a sermon on the Perseverance of the Saints; and in 1865, the discourse at the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the church in Searsport, each of which were published. He preached many ordination and dedication sermons.

Funeral services were held in the church May 29, conducted by Rev. J. E. Adams, a former pastor, Charles T. Hawes, acting pastor, and Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville, Mass.

The widow, Mrs. Clara M. (Benson) Thurston survives, and seven of the twelve children.

Notice, Ch. Mir., June 7, and by S. H. H., in Ch. Mir., July 5.

REV. WILLIAM SAFFORD SPAULDING, in Lynn, Mass., July 10, 1884, æt. 75.

Mr. S., son of Isaac and Lydia (Brown) Spaulding, was born in Ashburnham, Mass., March 4, 1809. He fitted for College while teaching in Parishville, N. Y., two years; in Brookville, Canada West, one year, and New Ipswich Academy, N. H., one year. Graduated at Marietta College, O.; studied Theology with Rev. C. B. Tracey, Boscawen, N. H.; licensed to preach at Concord, N. H., May 2, 1843; ordained as Evangelist, at Salisbury, N. H. Sept. 18, 1848.

He was acting-pastor of the Second church in Bristol, Me., from May to August, 1870, and when the First and Second churches united, he supplied them from 1870 to 1874. He was acting-pastor of the First church in Boothbay, in 1874.

Before he came to Maine, he taught in Academies and Institutes in New York and New Hampshire, 1842-'48, and preached in Ohio, 1849-'57; in New Hampshire, 1858-'64; agent for the New York Relief Association, and New York Freedmen's Association, 1865-'6; agent Am. Tract Society, 1867-'70. Since 1875, he has been at Lynn, Mass. Notice of the death of his son on page 112.

REV. ROBERT STEWART, in Grundy Center, Iowa, June 27, 1884, æt. 70 (Ulceration of the stomach and bowels.)

Mr. S., son of Joseph and Rebecca (Bell) Stewart, was born in Newton, N. H. June 19, 1814.

He graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1846, and supplied some of the churches in the neighborhood of Bangor. He went to Cascade and Bowens Prairie, Iowa, where he preached five years. In 1852, came to Strafford, Vt., remaining two years; his health failing, he moved on a farm in Norwich, Vt. Recovering his health, in 1857, he preached in Waitsfield, Vt., one year, then in Albany, Ills., 18 months. In 1861, he removed to Orford, Iowa, (now Montour,) and supplied the church there and at Green Moun, tain, Iowa. From 1867, wholly at the latter place, until his health failed and he resigned in 1871. One hundred added to the church during his ministry here. In April, 1884, he went to Grundy Center, to spend his remaining days with a daughter, Mrs. Sarah J. Noll, wife of T. J. Noll. Esq. During the last five years of his life, his intense sufferings were borne with cheerfulness and great patience, never uttering a murmuring word, but always saying midst it all, "The dear Saviour knows best."

He married Harriet Malencia Blodgett, of Middlesex, Vt. 1849, Oct. 16. The widow and three children survive.

TIMOTHY EMERSON RANNEY, in St. Johnsbury Center, Vt. July 30 1884, at. 69, of paralysis.

Mr. R., the son of Joseph and Triphona (Hitchcock) Ranney, was born in Westminster West, Vt., June 7, 1815. Graduated at Middlebury College, 1839; Andover Seminary 1842: acting-pastor at Barnet, Vt., 1843; ordained Aug. 1, 1844; missionary of Am. Bd. C. F. M. among the Pawnees, 1844-'47; among the Cherokees, 1847-'60. On the breaking out of the rebellion, he came North, and was acting-pastor at Oxford, Me., 1862-'3; without charge at St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1863-'66; a. p. West Charles- ton, Vt., 1866-'7; Holland, Vt., 1867-'72; North Troy, Vt., 1872-'74; from 1875. without charge at St. Johnsbury Center, Vt.

He leaves two sons; his wife, Charlotte Taylor, of Ashby, Mass., died twelve years since.

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REV. ALPHEUS SPRING PACKARD, D. D., at Squirrel Island, Me., July 13, 1884, suddenly of heart disease, at. 85.

Dr. P., the son of Rev. Hezekiah Packard, D. D., and Mary (Spring) Packard, daughter of Rev. Alpheus Spring, pastor at Elliot, Me., 1768-'91, was born in Chelmsford, Mass., Dec. 23, 1798. He fitted for College mainly at Exeter Academy, N. H., under Dr. Benjamin Abbott; graduated at Bowdoin College in 1816; assistant teacher at Gorham Academy, under Rev. Reuben Nason; taught school in Wiscasset and Bucksport; principal for a short time at Hallowell Academy; tutor at Bowdoin College, 1819-'24; Professor of Latin and Greek languages and literature, 1824-'65; meanwhile, 1842-'45, Professor also of Rhetoric and Oratory. In 1865, he became Collins Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion. He was also College Librarian for many years. Licensed to preach in 1837; receiving ordination May 16, 1850, and has preached in Brunswick and vicinity, and in other parts of the State.

Since the resignation of President J. L. Chamberlain in 1883, Dr. Packard has been Acting-President of the College. He presided at the Commencement exercises of 1884, and at the dinner in Memorial Hall, July 10, happily introducing Governor Robie, Hon. J. G. Blaine, Rev. E. E. Hale, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., and other speakers.

With his family he went on Saturday, to Squirrel Island, for rest. He attended public worship in the chapel on the Island, engaging earnestly in the services. The preacher was Prof. Samuel G. Brown of the College, on the Providential Government of God. On returning to the Chase House, after a short walk, he was found prostrate on the lawn, and was taken to the house, where in a few minutes, his heart ceased to beat.

Professor Packard was universally loved and venerated. More than three thousand Bowdoin Alumni have been under his teaching and moulding influence; his refinement and culture, his loving, cheerful and devoted spirit, have ever been an attracting power.

He has always been welcomed at the meetings of the General Conference, as a brother beloved, and as the representative of the College. His acquaintance with the churches, their ministers and laity, pointed to him as the one best fitted to deliver the address at the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the Conference, which he did in Portland in 1876, where in 1826, it was formed. The address was published with the Minutes of that year. He prepared and delivered several addresses, and wrote articles for the *North American Review*, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, and other periodicals. Among the addresses were those in memory of Rev. Elisha Eaton, of Harpswell, Rev. Jesse Appleton, D. D., a President of the College; his father, Rev. Hezekiah Packard, D. D., of Wiscasset, and of Professors William Smyth, and Thomas C. Upham; an address before the American Institute of Instruction, and articles for the *Maine Historical Society*, of which he was a member, and its Librarian while the Library was in Brunswick. He was Honorary member of the New York, and Royal (England) Historical Societies. In 1839, he edited an edition of Xenophon's *Memorabilia*, of which a second edition was published in 1841. He also edited the works of President Appleton, published in two volumes, with a memoir prefixed.

He received the degree of D. D., from Bowdoin, in 1869.

The funeral exercises were held in the Congregational church, at Brunswick, July 15. Devotional services by the pastor, Rev. William P. Fisher, and Professor Samuel G. Brown, of the College; selections by the choir; address by ex President Joshua L. Chamberlain. Professor John S. Sewall offered prayer in the homestead, before the services in the church.

In 1827, Professor Packard married Frances E., second daughter of President Appleton, of Bowdoin College. She died in 1839, leaving five children. In 1844, he married Mrs. C. W. McLellan, of Portland. They had one child.

REV. NATHAN BURNHAM ROGERS, in Hallowell, October 29, 1849, *æt* 28.

Mr. R., the son of Robert and Margery (Sullivan) Rogers, was born in Exeter, N. H., April 17, 1821. Grad. at Dartmouth C., 1845; Andover S., 1848. Ordained pastor South Church Hallowell, 1848, Dec. 6, and died in office. He married Lydia Greeley, dau. of Capt. Moses Clement Bailey, of Hopkinton, N. H., Oct. 9, 1849. N. F. C. Ind. Statesman, Concord, N. H., May 24, 1883.

REV. SYLVESTER CLAPP, in Middleboro, Mass., April 28, 1873, *æt* 81, of consumption.

Mr. C., the son of Aaron and Phebe (Danks) Clapp, was born in East Hampton, Mass., October 11, 1791.

After studying two years at Williams College, 1810-21, he graduated at Union College. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1824. Licensed to preach by Penobscot Association, January 7, 1824. He was Preceptor of Bluehill Academy, Ordained Sept. 15, 1830, at Hampton, Me., (now Amherst and Aurora) as pastor of the church; dis. May 25, 1836. He was commissioned by the Maine Missionary Soc. to two settlements, Hampton and Amherst, in the plantation of Mariaville. It was pioneer work, and is referred to in the reports of the Society, 1831, p. 16; 1832, p. 23; 1833, p. 28; 1834, p. 31; 1835, p. 17; 1836, p. 20.

Finding himself unable to labor in the ministry, he went to North Sedgwick, Me., on a farm, and owned some shipping. In the autumn of 1855, probably in October, he went to Middleboro, Mass., and was a resident there without charge, respected as a good man, and faithful servant of God.

He married, Oct. 29, 1827, Rosilla (Carlton) Merrill, born in Sedgwick, Me., Feb. 23, 1806, the daughter of David and Mary Carlton. She died, in Middleboro, Mass. in 1864, æt. 59, of paralysis. There were ten children; two died in Maine, and four in Middleboro, Mass.

REV. JOSIAH FISHER, in Providence, Pa., June 17, 1875, æt. 73.

Mr. F., the son of Rev. Jonathan and Fisher was born in Bluehill, Me., 1802, Oct. 17. Prepared for College at Bluehill Academy; Grad. Bowdoin College 1828; Andover Sem'y, 1831. Ordained pastor at Orono, Me., 1832, March 15; dia. 1835, June 3; home missionary 1835-6; pastor Pres. ch., Clyde, New York, 1837, April, to 1840; a. p. Huron, N. Y., 1840-2; pastor Cong'l Ch. Heath, Mass., 1842-'45; Greenbush, N. Y., teacher and occ. supply, 1845-'50; a. p. Pr. ch. Succusanna, N. J., 1850; its pastor 1851 April, to '65; w. c. at S. 1865-'71; W. C. at Providence, Pa., 1872, until his death.

REV. ANSON SHELDON, in Morristown, N. J., Feb. 19, 1879, æt. 80.

Mr. S. the son of Timothy and Achsah (Hubbard) Sheldon was born in Somers, Conn., 1799, July 13. He commenced the study of the languages with Rev. Wm. L. Strong, then pastor of the church in Somers; was two years at Monson Academy; graduated at Bangor Sem'y in 1827. Licensed by Penobscot Association, in 1828. Fulfilled a mission in 1828, at Bingham, Me. and Canada Road, where he reported the people as "hungry for the word of life." "It was very interesting to enter a log house, filled with humble worshippers, when six years ago, there was nothing but a howling wilderness." In 1829, he was at Wiscasset, Warren and Pittston; then went to Boston, Mass., where he was a Missionary two years; in 1831-2 at Old Town, Me., and a few weeks at Hampden; acting-pastor at Robbinston 1833-4; at Baring and vicinity in 1835, establishing the first mission there; five months in Bath, and then ordained pastor, First Ch., Falmouth, Me., 1835, Oct. 28; dia. 1836, Nov. 15; mission in Washington Co. Me., a few months; installed pastor, Raymond, N. H., 1837, June 28; dia. 1839, Oct. 15; acting-pastor, West Newbury, Mass., 1840-2; a. p. Presbyterian ch., Shelter Island, N. Y. Aug. 1, 1842 to Aug. 1, 1847; without charge in New Haven, Ct., 1848-'62; in New York City, 1862-'77, agent for publishing houses; in Morristown, N. J., 1877-'79.

He married Ann Dudley Jones, daughter of Theodore and Catherine (Sargent) Jones, of Ellsworth. She died in New Haven, Ct., 1871, July 30, æt. 60.

## ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

JONATHAN SCOTT, Minot, \* Oct. 19, 1819, Minutes 1876, p. 202. Notice in Christian Union, July 17, 1884, by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn.

ENOCH POND, D. D., Bangor, \* Jan. 21, 1882, Minutes 1882, p. 108, and '83, p. 119. Notice by Rev. Newell A. Prince, in Religious Herald, Hartford, Conn., March 23, 1882. Autobiography of Dr. P. with additions by his daughter Miss Elizabeth M. Pond, pub. Dec. 1883, pps 147. Duodecimo, with Portrait.

ALVAN BOND, D. D., \* July 19, 1882, Minutes 1883, p. 119. Minutes General Conference of Connecticut, 1884, p. 486.

EDWARD PAYSON, D. D., Portland, \* Oct. 22, 1827, Minutes 1876, p. 201. Notice by Rev. George L. Prentiss, D. D., Cong'l'st. Oct. 25, 1883; by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Ch. Mirror, Sept. 15—; by the same, of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, Ch. Mirror, Sep. 22.

JOTHAM SEWALL, Chesterville, \* Oct. 3, 1850, Minutes 1876, p. 202. Notice by Rev. John B. L. Soule, in Advance, Jan. 24, 1884.

SAMUEL C. FESSENDEN, April, 18, 1882, Minutes 1883, p. 119. Minutes Gen. Conference of Connecticut, 1884, p. 483.

ROYAL PARKINSON, Cape Elizabeth, Dec. 22, 1882, Minutes, 1883, p. 114. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 31.

ISAAC H. LIBBEY, Strong, Feb. 14, 1883, Minutes 1883, p. 110. Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 29.

ISAAC JACOBUS, Bangor Sem'y. Feb. 16, 1883, Minutes, 1883, p. 114. Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 26.

GILBERT B. RICHARDSON, New Castle, Feb. 20, 1883, Minutes '83, p. 114. Cong'l Year Book, 1884, p. 33.

JOSEPH W. TARLETON, Sumner, Feb. 27, 1883, Minutes '83, p. 115. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 36.

TIMOTHY LYMAN, Mt. Desert, Mar. 19, 1883, Minutes, '83, p. 111. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 29.

L. IVES HOADLEY, Orono, Mar. 21, '83, Minutes, '83, p. 115. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 25. Minutes Connecticut Gen. Conference, 1884, p. 489.

JOSEPH FREEMAN, York, Mar. 22, '83, Minutes '83, p. 111. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 23.

FREDERIC A. THAYER, Sumner, Mar. 25, '83, Minutes, '83, p. 116. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 36.

LEWIS PENNELL, Old Town, May 22, '83, Minutes, '83, p. 116. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 32. Minutes Connecticut Gen. Conference, 1884, p. 491.

FREDERIC A. REED, Bangor Sem'y, June 9, '83, Minutes '83, p. 117. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 32.

CHARLES BURNHAM, Bath, July 3, '83, Minutes, '83, p. 117. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 20.

CHARLES C. BEAMAN, Houlton, July 4, '83, Minutes, '83 p. 117. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 18.

BENJAMIN SOUTHWORTH, Wells, July 6, '83, Minutes, '83, p. 118. Cong'l Year Book, '84, p. 35.

NOTICE OF MINISTERS IN MAINE, whose native place was in New Hampshire, by Rev. Nathan F. Carter, has been continued in the Independent Statesman, Concord, N. H., commencing Jan'y 1, 1881, (see Minutes 1881, p. 166; 1882, p. 134; and 1883, p. 120.)

No. 14. New Series, April 27, 1883.—Orford, Daniel Newhall, Lewiston and Danville, 1826; Brownfield, Hiram, and Denmark, 1826-7; Bridgton, 1827-'30 \*1848. Minutes, 1867, pps. 10, 11, 52.

May 17, 1883.—Dover.—Rauben Nason, Freeport, 1810-'15, \* 1835. Minutes, 1857, p. 56; 1867, p. 18. Joseph Wallace Tarleton, Sumner, 1877, \* 1883, Minutes, 1883, p. 115.

May 24, 1883.—Ezeter.—Charles Moulson Brown, Bethel church, Portland, 1835-7; Mt. Desert, 1842-'50; and in Mt. Desert without charge, 1850-'70. \*1871, Minutes, 1872, pps. 26. 62. Nathaniel Chapman. Bristol, 1824-'33; Boothbay, 1833-'4; Camden, 1835-'49; Warren, 1849-'52; Unity, 1852-'54; Boorthdike, 1854-'5; Freedom, 1855-'9; Pittston, 1856-'68; \*1858. Minutes, 1858, pps. 12, 27, 32; 1859, p. 33; 1876, p. 38. Nathan Burnham Rogers, Hallowell, 1843-'9, \*1849. Minutes, 1867, p. 19; 1884, p. 118.

(A.)

REPORT OF THE

## Secretary of Sunday Schools.

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Secretary of Sunday-schools and the Standing Committee on Sunday School work in our State offer the Conference the following their Report for the year 1883-4.

The Sunday-school to-day is admitted to be the centre of attraction and influence in the church, and pre-eminently the hope of the future. What the Sunday-school should be, and what it should do every year becoming more manifestly questions fundamental and

Of the causes coming before you for recognition, consideration, co-operation, others are questions of where you will bestow your sympathy and practical help, what campaign you will especially favor forward; but the Sunday-school cause brings up, not the question of campaigns, but of the army itself, without which no campaigning ever is possible.

It seems to rank most other subjects pertaining to the great gospel struggle, and may therefore make a strong appeal for your attention when you are convened to deliberate upon measures, make choice of means, and stimulate the decisive selection of the wisest lines of action. The interest of the future, you may say, are with a well ordered and well equipped pulpit. Yes, but are they not equally with a well ordered and vigorously operated Sunday-school? There is no disposition to detract from the position or prerogatives of the pulpit, but are not our intelligent, thoughtful and progressive churches rapidly coming to give the Superintendency a dignity and importance co-ordinate with the Pastorate? And to do this, it is beginning to be seen, really inures to the benefit of the Pastorate.

It is not that there is very little danger that the churches will not make much of their Sunday-school. The trouble is that like some fond parents, they are satisfied to let it end with "making of" their children, and are quite unfaithful when it comes to wholesome training, patient

moulding, real bringing up into beauty and strength? All are ready to say Oh, Yes, the Sunday-schools have great availabilities. So indeed they have. For one thing, great availabilities for the decorative and ornamental in church work. But to use them for these purposes only, or mostly, is sacrilege and of a most ungodly type. The pressing problem of the day is to find out and fully bring out the availabilities of the Sunday-school in promoting the growth, strength, and practical efficiency of the church. Let us awaken to a sense of these availabilities. This by way of introduction. Let us look a moment at our own schools as they are.

Of our 247 schools, we have, this year reports from 140 or not quite three-fifths. This is an advance, slight, to be sure, yet an advance on last year, and the advance is appreciated. But why should we not hear from all our schools? We believe our pastors and Superintendents recognize the worth of the facts and figures called for in these returns. They are well aware that the value is in direct proportion to the *fullness* of the returns, still many, though the labor and time are reduced to a minimum and the expense to absolute zero, allow their school to go unreported. Is this either right or policy, brethren, pastors and Superintendents?

Of the Conferences, Aroostook sends a report from all its living churches save one. York Conference deserves special mention. There are 26 churches in this Conference and only one has failed to make a full return.

Cumberland Conference reports 15 of 21, and Cumberland North 11 of 21. The average of other Conferences is about 55 per cent. telling us how they fare—the balance silent. I am sure it would interest the whole family, if at our yearly reunion we could hear from every member. The number of conversions reported by 140 schools is 296, a gratifying increase over last year. Of these, Auburn First reports the largest number, 40; while Auburn Sixth St. gives 20. State St. Portland returns 32, and the church at Woodfords 15. Deer Isle also gives the good report of 15,—Penobscot Conference 19, Aroostook 15, Hancock 20, (15 from Deer Isle,) York 17, (10 from one church,) Lincoln and Sagadahoc 24, Cumberland 61, and Cumberland North 90.

There is a decided gain since last Conference in Teacher's meetings, there appearing now seventeen regularly maintained. This is a significant improvement.



It is to be regretted that so few mission schools are maintained by churches, not more than five or six being mentioned.

The membership of the schools appears to be somewhat greater than that reported in 1883. As to the individual churches that having the largest number this year, can still be claimed by the West, Payson Memorial, Portland, returning a Total of 550 with an average of 304. Bangor Central comes next with 423, average 201; Williston, Portland 400, average 248; St. Lawrence Street, Portland 335, average 207; State St., Portland 324, average 194; Hammond St., Bangor 319, average 187; Auburn First 305, average 176; Biddeford Second 268, average 190. The schools in Woodfords 256, and in Gorham 220 show numbers exceptionably and commendably large in proportion to congregations, while it should be said that many schools could be mentioned among those of small numbers with a large proportional total, and a good average.

Another mark of progress, in our Sunday-school history the past year is the increase in the number of Sunday-schools making *bona fide* contributions to benevolent objects, some twenty reporting such contributions the past year. There is appearing in another direction a significant sign of advancement, as we view it, and one which we chronicle with no slight satisfaction. It is the remarkable increase in the number of schools loyally taking the Lesson Helps of our own excellent Publishing Society. We are certain that with a Pilgrim series so good every way as that now offered us, there is no reason for the sons and daughters of the Pilgrims to go elsewhere for their quarterlies of any grade. We might learn a useful lesson by a glance at the practice of our sister denominations in this matter of Sunday-school Quarterlies and Helps, and the sooner we can thoroughly imitate their example, the better for our Sunday-schools and our churches; well.

Just here I want to tell you a bit of news. The great International convention was held at Louisville, last week, the most important Sunday-school meeting ever held on this continent, a wonderful gathering of fervent men. I can almost feel the great currents of its enthusiasm as I stand here to night. At this Convention a most difficult but supremely important nomination was to be made, of fourteen men, each thoroughly denominational, yet thoroughly catholic and unsectarian, each of broad intelligence and ripe culture, of full and versant biblical knowledge, yet live, practical, and posted up to date in the

needs and urgencies of the day. There was in that Convention one Congregationalist whose hands have been tested in their ability to hold the reins of Congregational Sunday-school interests in our great land, who drives vigorously yet safely, who is denominational through and through, yet loyal to the great fraternity of all in Christ, and the Committee showed their wisdom and discrimination in selecting as the Congregationalist to co-operate in making lessons for the whole world, the next seven years, Secretary A. E. Dunning, of Massachusetts. So there is a new reason, not a weak one, why our own publication should be our universal choice in all our schools and classes.

The Conference last year took a large step forward in recommending to the County bodies, that the Superintendents of Sunday-schools be made *ex-officio* members of the County Conferences. This recommendation has already borne excellent fruit. York, Cumberland, Penobscot, Hancock, Piscataquis, Union, and doubtless, others whose recent meetings we have not had time to hear from, have adopted this measure which has elsewhere proved so beneficial. In the recent York Conference a whole session was given to Sunday-school work, an enthusiastic meeting, and it was then voted to make an organization that should enter upon vigorous efforts to elevate the schools and train the teachers of the County.

Indeed the review of the Sunday-school year, with us in Maine, shows decided progress, and the present condition of things presents many hopeful features. Substantial gains have been made, and what is more, it can be seen that the way has been most encouragingly opened for wider and more pervasive changes, which shall help us catch up with and put us in line with the more progressive States.

The time for this report has been so largely taken up with what our schools are, that but a brief space can be taken for that larger and most urgent subject, what our schools ought to be.

Here, by the way, let me hint that *the possibilities of the present school* are far greater than our realization. By teachers meetings, by institutes, class reviews and general reviews, we have far more within our reach with existing organizations and grades, than we at present secure. When we are ready to give our downright attention to working in the most efficient manner our *existing* machinery, the products turned out will be vastly better.

But our schools ought to be changed—put upon a higher plane every way. Our schools ought to be better in *Attendance*.

The whole number in Sunday-schools ought to be much greater than the membership of the churches, but it is only a trifle better, say 20,000 in the churches, and 21,000 in Sunday-schools. We have 15,000 families reported with our congregations, and these should furnish more than one and one-half to a family, for our schools.

Look at some figures. Take the population of the State at 649,000, and all the Sunday-school attendance at 90,000, it gives less than 15 per cent., 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent., under Sunday-school influence, and *average* attendance far less than this.

Washington and Georgetown, D. C., have 23 per cent. of the whole population in Sunday school; Philadelphia, 20 per cent.; Baltimore, 20 per cent.; Cleveland, 20 per cent.; Brooklyn, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; Chicago, 14 per cent. But old England does better, and sends over a grand record; for in England and Wales, to-day, one in every five is in the Sunday-school army; and in Wales, still better, one in every three is either a teacher or scholar.

These figures are suggestive. Our *whole attendance* here in this old New England State, should be much larger, and our *average* attendance ought to have a marked increase. Almost one-half of our whole population is enrolled in the public school census, and forty-seven per cent. of the enrollment is in attendance. Should not the immense interests at stake, lead to new and resolute endeavors to double our Sunday-school attendance. It can be done. It ought to be done.

Is not the Sunday-school in Maine, capable of a great development in the direction of Adult Instruction? Sheffield, England, has in operation, an adult school of 2,000 members; and Birmingham, a Bible class for men, of 14,000. See the great gathering in Tremont Temple, under Dr. Meredith. Is not the normal development of the Sunday-school in this direction? The children are most hopeful subjects, but as Dr. Vincent says, "there is no place where you can better shake up a man of forty or fifty, than in a good, live Sunday-school class." We seek all the children, *we must have the adults*, should be our motto.

Then when we talk of what the Sunday-school ought to be, we see at once, that *our teachers should be better trained*.

Trained teachers, is the demand of our day, in secular education. The general standard of education has been raised, a higher type of general education is called for and is given. The call for better teaching, for *real* instruction, is coming up from the whole Sunday-school world. Goody-goody Bible talk, and sentimental exhorting, no longer

meet the demand. Real teaching, downright religious education, an education meaning something, and measuring something, is being asked for more and more loudly. When this call is adequately met, our young men and women and our grown up men and women will stay in the army and not resign or desert, as they now do. The Teachers' Training Class, and more, the Teachers' Training School—a real normal school for Sunday-school teachers, are in the not distant future. They are in substance, now in operation in England. Then the type of our teaching must be changed. It must be made interesting, progressive, stimulative, inspiring. It must take the scholar from grade to grade, through a course of study, with suitable examinations; these, too, made interesting, and all so arranged that the scholar shall make, and see that he is making, positive educational gains. Our Sunday-schools cannot be what they ought to be, without some graded systematized course of interesting, real study.

Write it large in every Sunday-school room. Double the numbers, and quadruple the quality and value of the education.

The limits of this report, do not allow us to enter upon the reasons why we magnify the Sunday-school. To him who intelligently considers the needs of our day, these reasons will reveal themselves as neither few nor light, and he will see that the Sunday-school is an indispensable factor in public education, the guaranty of intellectual and spiritual soundness in the church, and the best preparative for citizenship. To be faithful in promoting and improving the Sunday-school, is to be loyal to our land, and loyal to the church of Christ.

The Secretary and Standing Committee agree in recommending to the Conference, for consideration and adoption, if it deem best, the following resolutions:

(These may be found, with the action of the Conference upon them, and the report, on page 15 of the Minutes.)

As we go round about Zion, tell her towers, mark well her bulwarks and consider her palaces, be sure we shall find this Sunday-school is one of the palaces. Yes, a palace indeed, for in that type of structure are combined towers for strength and outlook, bulwarks for defence, treasuries of precious things for resplendent decoration, armories for a great soldiery, and council chambers, whence goes forth that wisdom which commands victory.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. SNOW,  
*Secretary.*

(B.)

## Communication from the National Council.

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*To the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine.*

DEAR BRETHREN :

Having been appointed by the National Council of Congregational Churches in October, 1883, as a National Committee "to co-operate with the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society in getting statistics and laying its work before the churches" in order "to secure a more vigorous prosecution and accurate knowledge of Sunday-school work." We desire to call your attention at this time, in your annual assembly, to three matters of moment connected with this work, in order that there may be uniformity throughout the whole denomination, in these particulars :

I. We request, that if you have not already done so, you will appoint *a Committee on Sunday-school Work* as one of your standing committees. About half of the State Associations have already made this appointment, and it is very desirable that each State should join in the plan. This committee should make an annual report to your body, and encourage the consideration of this work, and the appointment of similar committees in the Local Associations and Conferences. In asking this, we but repeat the recommendation of the National Council, which resolved, "That because of the vital connection between the church and the Sunday-school, and the importance of a higher standard of teaching, we recommend the State and Local Associations and Conferences of the various States of the Union to give special attention and time to the Sunday-school work."

II. We request that, whatever other information concerning their Sunday-schools may be gathered by the State Associations and Conferences, answers to the following six questions shall be uniformly given by them all, and incorporated in the statistics of the churches :

1. The name and address of the Sunday-school Superintendent.

2. The whole number, (officers, teachers and scholars,) belonging to the school.
3. The average attendance for the year.
4. The amount contributed by the school for benevolence during the year.
5. The percentage of the scholars attending church.
6. The number added to the church from the Sunday-school during the year.

III. We ask you to recommend to the churches of your State to observe annually the *second Sunday in June* as *Children's Day*. This day is rapidly growing in favor among the Congregational churches, and has already become established among our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren. It needs no argument to show what a power for good such a day rightly observed may become.

In making these requests, we desire to recognize fully both the independence and the fellowship of the churches. We commend these requests to your consideration, believing that in the directions in which they point, lie great opportunities for the growth and enlargement of our Congregational churches; and confident that in your wise and prayerful consideration of them, you will be guided to such action as will best promote the interests of the body of churches throughout the land, in whose fellowship we are, and for whose prosperity we earnestly pray.

We are, your brethren in Christ,

HENRY A. STIMSON, *Chairman*,  
F. N. PELOUBET, *Secretary*,  
HENRY A. HAZEN,  
SAMUEL H. VIRGIN,  
M. C. HAZARD.

Action of the Conference on this communication, page 15.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
**Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society.**

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The churches have given the Society and its Secretary a small amount of work to report—sadly small. The year has not been satisfactory either as to the number of churches contributing, nor the number of men assisted.

Looking over the record of contributions, it will be seen that only twelve out of two hundred and forty-eight, have given to this object. This is even worse than if a large number of churches had given a pitably small amount. And as we realize this, the fear takes possession of us, lest these churches may have lost their hold of the idea of education of men for the work of the church. We wonder, as we read the list of giving churches, whether with the forgetfulness to remember the cause with money, they have not also forgotten to remember it with prayers, and efforts. Are our churches striving from their own fellowship, to send out men for God's work in the ministry? Have they keen eyes to watch, and warm hearts to encourage the young men just beginning the christian life?

More than this, where are the many ministers who have been helped to their present places by this Society? Are not many of these forgetting to let their voices be heard in behalf of their benefactor?

We believe that there are many young men who are ready to enter the preparation for the christian ministry, but have received no encouragement. The discussion, as to the lack of ministers, is carried on in religious magazines, and they go into business fancying that the ministry, as well as the law and medicine, is overcrowded.

Can we not help these? Your appointed officers ask you to give them a better report next year. They want you to put figures instead of the inevitable and monotonous zero in the educational column of contributions.

And, to get the matter into practical shape, the officers have instructed your Secretary, to suggest the setting apart of the Sabbath following the Day of Prayer for Colleges, as a day for special sermons and contributions for this purpose.

S. W. ADRIANCE, *Secretary.*

Report of Annual Meeting, and Resolution adopted by Soc., p. 21, 22.

(E)  
REPORT OF VISITORS  
TO  
Bangor Theological Seminary.

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The reports of your committees from year to year must necessarily run much in the same lines. It is now a great pleasure to remark that the institution is full-manned with instructors; all in the prime of life, vigorous, enthusiastic, and full of hope and purpose for this beloved Seminary and its work. In reviewing their labors for the past year, they exhibited all these characteristics, making it a pleasure to attend their examinations.

Prof. Denio showed excellent work in that difficult study, the Hebrew Scriptures. The class has made a good beginning, not only in acquiring the elements of the language, but in writing Hebrew from memory on the black board, also in repeating passages of the Old Testament *memoriter*. We need not say that this is a thorough way of learning Hebrew, and when the grammatical and exegetical points are equally attended to, we feel sure that this study will not be in vain.

Prof. Ropes is going into the Greek language and exegesis with similar vigor. The students are taught not only to *read* the original, (with the help of our English version) but to grapple with Greek roots and particles, and find substantial meaning in them.

In systematic theology, the examination was mostly confined to one important department, but was all the more thorough because of this limited range. The topic was the fundamental one of Inspiration, and it gives us great pleasure to certify that the instruction on this vital point, as evinced in the questions and answers of the examination, was thoroughly sound. The Bible interpreted on the principles here laid down, will give no uncertain sound,—will be “not the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God.”



The department of church history, filled by Prof. Paine, is to our thought one of the most important, as well as interesting. It takes the biblical teachings drawn forth in the studies in exegesis, from the Old testament and New, and shows how they have been received and wrought by sanctified minds, in successive generations, into formulas of doctrine, to be held, loved, defended, and carried out into the practical life of the churches. We know of no better way of learning both exegesis and theology, than by learning the history of them. This is taught by our esteemed Professor, with great erudition, vivacity, and success.

Prof. Sewall has instructed in the principles of sermon making and delivering, in his own graceful way. We did not hear the students preach, but they have given the best possible evidence of knowing how to do so, by having been called, even before their graduation, to fill important places in the field. The graduating exercises were excellent, giving the impression of a broad, manly and earnest preparation for the grave duties of the christian ministry in a day like this.

The one chief drawback that was felt to the pleasure of the occasion, was in the paucity of students. The Senior class numbered but six, and of these, two had decided to continue their studies at the Seminary another year, leaving but four to graduate. The causes of this diminution, we suppose, are not far to seek. First, the general decrease in the number of young men in the churches now looking toward the ministry. Second, the tendency to centralization, which draws away business and patronage of all sorts, from the rural districts, towards the cities, and more renowned institutions, where it is supposed, often erroneously, that the advantages are greater. And beyond both these, we fear that it must be said, that the Seminary itself is undervalued by our churches as a whole. Our esteemed Professors are modest men, who know not how to blow their own trumpets. They do not seem to be skilled in creating sensations, but go right on in their own way, doing good work, and letting that work itself be their encomium. This, we are sorry to say, is not fully up to the popular methods of our day, and so incurs some disadvantage in the competition for success. Besides, the value of such an institution is in its nature not readily apprehended by the masses of our people. They know the difference indeed, between good preaching and poor, but do not so well understand the causes of it. Too many still have the old notions lingering in their minds, that one man has a natural gift for preaching, which

another has not, as there are some natural bone-setters, who are to be preferred to men of the most scholarly and scientific culture. We wish we could effectively counsel our churches to become better acquainted with an institution which is both their honor and their treasure ; to pray more for it ; and to sustain it with large and generous benefactions according to its needs.

The financial condition of the Seminary, we trust will be reported by the representatives in the Conference. Its funds seem to be administered with remarkable wisdom and success. We trust it will have a future brightening with usefulness and the divine blessing, through many generations of our Zion.

For the Committee,

I. P. WARREN,  
*Chairman.*

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Term commences Sept. 11, 1884, fourteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week,

### The Sixty-Fourth Anniversary of the Seminary.

*June 3, Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock, in the Chapel.* The examination exercises commenced with prayer by Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford, member of the Visiting Committee from the General Conference of Maine. Prof. C. J. H. Ropes conducted the examination of the Junior class in New Testament Exegesis, 11.15 A. M.—The Senior class were examined in Homiletics, by Prof. J. S. Sewall. 2 P. M.—After the singing of a Hymn, Prof. F. B. Denio led the examination of the Senior and Middle Classes in Old Testament Exegesis. 3 P. M.—Hymn; Prof. L. L. Paine conducted the examination of the Senior class in Church History; and at 4.30 P. M.,—Prof. Denio the Junior class in Hebrew.

*Tuesday Evening.*—The Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society was held in Hammond St. Church. Mr. Nathan H. Harriman, of the Senior class, President, in the chair. Hymn; prayer, by Rev. Orlando H. White, D. D., of Boston; address by Rev. Reuben Thomas, Ph. D., of Brookline, Mass. Theme.—“The Christian Ministry in its relation to the Thought and Feeling of the Generation in which it finds itself.”

*Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock.*—Prayer-meeting of the Alumni, led by Rev. J. S. Richards, of Waterford.

9.30. Prayer; examination of the Middle class in Theology by Professor L. F. Stearns; 11.15.—Hymn; Professor L. L. Paine, led the examination of the Middle class in Church History. Throughout the exercises of the two days, the Trustees, Visiting Committee and others, interposed questions and remarks.

1 P. M. Dinner to the Alumni and friends, arranged and served by the ladies in the chapel. A blessing invoked by Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., of Washington, D. C. After the sumptuous repast, Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, who happily presided, made the opening speech, who was followed by Professor Sewall, referring to the deaths among the Alumni; Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Boston, one of the Trustees; Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, Vice-President of the Board; Mr. John L. Crosby, of Bangor; Rev. S. P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass.; Prof. L. L. Paine; Rev. Dr. J. W. Chickering; Rev. Reuben Thomas, Ph. D., of Brookline, Mass.; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, President of the Board of Trustees; Rev. Stacey Fowler, of Boston; Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; Rev. O. H. White, D. D., of Boston; Rev. Merrill Blanchard, of Biddeford; and in behalf of the undergraduates, Mr. Salem D. Towne. Tributes were paid to the memory of Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., Rev. Wooster Parker, and others.

**NECROLOGY.**—Nathaniel Miner, (1824,) Salem, Conn., March 22, 1884, æt. 86. Stephen Thurston, D. D., (1825) Searsport, May 27, 1884, æt. 87. Calvin White, (1827,) Amherst, Mass., Jan. 26, 1884, æt. 84. Wooster Parker, (1832) Belfast, Jan. 24, 1884, æt. 76. Samuel S. Drake, (1834) North Berwick, Nov. 12, 1883, æt. 79. Micah W. Strickland, (1834) Prentissville, Pa., Feb. 13, 1884, æt. 80.

John Oliver Means, (1846) Boston, Mass., Dec. 8, 1883, æt. 61. Stephen Tilcomb, (1854) Farmington, Jan. 22, 1884, æt. 75. Leavitt Bartlett, (1865) San Bernardino, Cal., March 9, 1884, æt. 47. William A. Spaulding, (1870) Lynn, Mass. Jan. 10, 1884, æt. 37. See Necrology, pps. 110 and 115.

**OFFICERS OF THE ALUMNI ELECTED.**—*President*, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, (1874) of Brewer; *Vice-President*, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, (1878) of Oldtown; *Secretary and Treasurer*, James H. Crosby, (1865) of Bangor; *Necrologist*, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., (1858) of Bangor; *Executive Committee*, Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, (1868) of Foxcroft; Rev. Charles B. Wathen, (1883) of Orono.

**AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEMINARY.**—Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais was elected a Trustee, vice Rev. Wooster Parker, deceased; and Hon. William W. Thomas, of Portland, vice Hon. Nelson Dingley, term expired.

Resolutions adopted in memory of Rev. Wooster Parker, Trustee from 1853; and Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., Trustee from 1850-'82, and President of the Board, 1860-'80. Plans were suggested for an increase of the funds.

On *Monday Evening, June 2*. Professor L. L. Faine, D. D., President of the faculty, gave a reception at his residence, to the graduating class. There were present also the Trustees, Visitors, Alumni, and their wives.

### Exercises of the Graduating Class.

*Wednesday Evening, 7.30.*—The graduating exercises of the Senior class were held in Hammond street church.

The pulpit and platform were tastefully arranged with flowers.

Organ voluntary, by Mrs. H. L. Jewell, "Adagio Cantabile," by *Southard*. Prayer, Rev. Professor Lewis F. Stearns.

Anthem by the Choir of Central ch., "Jubilate Deo" by *W. C. Williams*.

Addresses by Solomon G. Foster, of Wilton, "Early English translations of the Bible"; Nathan H. Harriman, of Bangor, "The hand of God in the Protestant Reformation.

Duett, by Miss H. M. Cooke, and Mrs. Wm. H. Gardner, "Evening Hymn," by *Rubenstein*.

Addresses by William C. Jones, of Wilkesbarre, Pa. "The effect of Conscience on Civilization; John A. Thomas, of Treorky, South Wales, "The Welsh Pulpit."

Quartette—"Jesus, Lover of my soul," (*Williams*.)

Conferring of Diplomas, to the six members of the class, by Rev. Professor Charles J. H. Ropes, with words of love, and earnest council.

Prayer by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland.

Hymn by the Congregation, "Ye christian heralds! go proclaim."

Benediction by Professor John S. Sewall.

Organ.—"Recessional March." (*Thorne*.)

Five Addresses were delivered in the Chapel, during the year, by pastors.—Jan. 22, 1884, by Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, on experiences drawn from his pastoral life; Feb. 19, Rev. William R. Richards of Bath, on ministerial honesty and industry and loyalty; March 4, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, on Methods of pastoral service; March 18, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, La-

sons from a long pastorate; May 31, Rev. Francis T. Hazlewood, of Bangor, on the Physical Unity of Life.

An address was also delivered, Oct. 18, 1883, by Prof. N. A. Northop, of Conn., on Japan, etc.; and Jan. 24, 1884, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, of Mass., on the Pastor's relation to Sunday Schools, and suggestions in reference to the manner of conducting them, etc.

A Public meeting of the Rhetorical Society was held in the Chapel, Feb. 25, 1884, Mr. N. H. Harriman, President, in the chair. 1. Prayer by Professor C. J. H. Ropes. 2. Address by Raymond C. Drisko, '84, of Columbia Falls. "Plea for the town system of Public Schools." 3. Ballad, by Miss Nellie Blaisdell, of Bangor. "At the Ferry." (*Wellings*.) 4. Essay, by Jacob Horton, '85, of Bethel, "The Mental Current." 5. Welsh Song, "Mentra Gwen," by John A. Thomas, '84, of Treorky, South Wales. 6. Address by Edgar L. Warren, '86, of Augusta, "The Jack-knife in Politics." 7. Aria, by Mrs. J. Horton, Bethel. "O rest in the Lord," from the Oratorio of *Elijah*. 8. Oration, by George H. Reed, '86, of Wellesley, Mass. "The religious origin of our Colleges." 9. Vocal Duett, Miss Blaisdell and Mrs. Horton, "Come with me." (*F. Campana*.) 10. Reading, by Professor Esty, An Olympic Story. 11. Benediction.

Miss Abbie N. Garland, of Bangor, was Pianist. Miss Blaisdell and Mr. Thomas each rendered an additional song.

The Society of Missionary Enquiry held a public meeting in the Chapel, Feb. 22, 1884. Addresses by Professor C. J. H. Ropes and Mr. James H. Crosby.

The May number *Andover Review* has an article by Professor L. F. Stearns, on "The Christian Conception of man."—1884, p. 465.

Professor F. B. Denio, is one of Editors of the *Bibliothèque Sacra*.

Professor Ropes spends his vacation in Europe.

Richard P. Buck, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a Trustee of the Seminary, from 1867, died in Bucksport, July 10, 1884, æt. 78.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

TO VISIT

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

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The Committee appointed to visit Bowdoin College, submit the following report:

Some important changes in the Faculty have taken place within the year. The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of President Chamberlain, so long and so honorably connected with the College, has been filled, *ad interim*, by Professor Packard, as Acting-President. The chair left vacant by the resignation of Prof. Campbell, has been occupied provisionally, by Prof. S. G. Brown, who is considered, both by the faculty and the students, a valuable accession to the College. Hopes are entertained that his services may be secured permanently.

An important experiment in College government, has been made during the year. A large share in the administration of justice, has been conceded to the students themselves. A standing jury has been empaneled, consisting of one member of each class, elected by the class, and one member of each chartered society, elected by the society. The non-society men will also choose another jurymen, whenever their number is considerable enough to entitle them to such representation. This jury, and the President acting somewhat as a judge, constitute a court for the trial and punishment of all offences—with some specified exceptions—"against the peace, order, security and good name of the under-graduate College Community." Penalties of four specified grades, are adjudged by unanimous vote of the jury, according to the gravity of the offences tried. The sentence of the jury may be commuted by the President, but cannot be made more severe. The students also agree to submit to this jury all such "questions of custom or prerogative, or so called insult," as cannot be settled privately.

To this appeal to their manliness and self-respect, the students have responded nobly. After due consideration, they accepted the arrangement almost unanimously, and they have carried out its provisions in a most honorable spirit. The jury has been unsuccessful only in having little or nothing to do. The year has been exceptionally pleasant, the like of which cannot be recalled for the last sixty years. A discipline eminently successful has maintained itself. Of hazing, there is none, and of other disorderly conduct, next to none. As regards the manly character and self-respecting conduct of its students, Bowdoin will not shrink from comparison with any College in the land.

At the yearly examinations and the Commencement exercises, the Committee was represented. The work done, both by instructors and students, is believed to be very good indeed. We see no reason to doubt that Bowdoin is well sustaining its ancient name and fame for sterling scholarship.

Of the religious character of the College, it gives us pleasure to speak. Most by far, of the Professors and Instructors are men of decided and positive christian character, and evangelical spirit. A faculty prayer-meeting is sustained every Monday evening. The Young Men's Christian Association, formerly the Praying Circle, has from fifteen to twenty active members, and associates enough to make its total membership about forty. Weekly prayer-meetings are sustained on Thursday evenings. During the fall term, daily prayer-meetings were held. The students also mainly supported two neighborhood prayer-meetings. On Sunday evening, there is often a meeting of the students addressed by some member of the faculty. Two or more Bible classes, composed of students, meet each Sunday at the houses of the Professors. It may not be improper to mention, as an illustration of the religious spirit in the College, that when the pious students separated for their summer vacation, they agreed among themselves, to pray in unison each day at sunset, for their fellow students and for each other. Some conversions are reported. We regret to add that only two or three of the Senior class are known to be looking to the Gospel ministry as the work of their lives.

We wish heartily and earnestly to commend this time-honored College to the love, the prayers, and the support of the churches. The New England College, as all know, is the child of the church. Within sixteen years from the first landing of the Pilgrims, in a wintry wilderness, "while as yet they had hardly made provision for the first wants

of life, while walls, roads and bridges were yet to be built, while England stood in attitude to strike, and a desperate war with the natives had already begun," while they were convulsed by the Antinomian struggle, which from a theological controversy, had become almost an armed insurrection,—even at such a juncture, they found courage and means to found a college. And their motives, as stated by one of themselves, were, "to advance learning and perpetuate to posterity, *dreading to leave an illiterate ministry to the churches, when our present ministers shall be in the dust.*" So imbued with religious spirit, and so guided by religious aims, was this their enterprise, that the location of the college at Newtown, afterward Cambridge, is said to have been determined by the wish that the students might enjoy the ministry of the esteemed Thomas Shepherd, then pastor there. And they voted, in order to found their college, (the first, and for seventy years the only one on this continent,) a sum which, according to Palfrey, would now be inadequately represented by a million dollars,—the first instance in human history, according to Edward Everett, in which "the people by their representatives, ever gave their own money to found a place of learning." Learning sanctified by religion, and consecrated to the service of religion, was the aspiration of these noble men, and it may well be ours. Such learning as well deserves our support, as it deserved theirs, when "their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality," in yearly contributions of a peck of corn from each family able and disposed to give it, for the support of students too poor to support themselves. A liberal education is as well worth trying for now, as when poor boys worked their way through Harvard, by turning into the College steward, such commodities as "a sheep weighing sixty-seven pounds; thirty pounds of butter; a bushel of parsnips; three bushels and three pecks of apples; three yards of yellow cloth; two thousand nails."

We believe it is conceded on all hands, that Bowdoin is, and ought to remain, not only a Christian, but a Congregational institution. For it as such, our churches have a large responsibility. The College needs their financial support, but more than money, it needs their good boys: young men of religious nurture and culture, who will bring into the College community the aroma and savor of the christian homes they come from. If our churches weakly sustain the College, then it must weakly do its work. If they strongly sustain it, then it will largely and nobly fulfill its mission. The more they do for it, the more right and



power will they have to guide in its affairs. Let us pray and labor that it may become more than ever, a nurse of christian learning, and "a fountain of sanctified influence."

(Signed,)

E. BEAN,  
J. L. CROSBY,  
T. S. PERRY,  
WM. E. GOULD,  
H. V. EMMONS.

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### Commencement Exercises.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE by Professor Samuel G. Brown, D. D., LL. D., Sabbath, 4 P. M., July 6, 1884, John 5: 4. The characteristics of a truth loving spirit.

In the morning a sermon was preached by Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, D. D., of Andover Sem'y. before the Young Men's Christian Association of the College. Luke 12: 58. The signs of the times, indicating the near approach of the triumph of Christianity.

*Monday Evening, July 7.*—Junior Prize declamation in Memorial Hall. First Prize to W. S. Butler, of Lawrence, Mass.; Second, to J. F. Libbey, of Richmond, Me.

*Tuesday, July 8.*—Class Day, 10 A. M., Memorial Hall,—Oration, L. Barton; Poem, L. Torrey, Jr.; 3 P. M., Under the Oak. Evening.—Upon the Green, illuminations and music.

*Wednesday, July 9.*—Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa, at 9 A. M. Annual meeting of the Alumni, at 10.30 A. M.; Address before the Alumni, at 3 P. M. by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, Mass., illustrating the part which the people in America take in the practical work of administration.

*Evening.*—Concert in the Town Hall by Grimmer's Orchestra, assisted by Madame Amy Sherwin, Miss Carrie Wells, Mr. H. L. Cornell, and Mrs. Chas. R. Adams, Accompanist, Miss L. K. Vannah.

*Thursday, July 10.*—9 A. M. Prayer meeting of the Alumni and friends, in the Rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

10.30 A. M. Graduating exercises of the Senior class, twenty-four members. Ten addresses.

Three hundred of the Alumni, at the close of the exercises, sat down at the Commencement Dinner in Memorial Hall. At the close, Professor Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., who presided as Acting-President, and with remarks which were applauded with great enthusiasm, happily introduced the intellectual feast. With brief and fitting words, he called out and presented the subsequent speakers; among them Governor Robie; Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston; Hon. James G. Blaine; U. S. Senator Frye; Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Alumnus 1834, now President of Middlebury College; Rev. Joseph K. Greene, D. D., of Constantinople, Turkey, Alumnus 1855; and others.

*Evening.*—Reception at the residence of Acting-President Packard.

Professor Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., was elected Acting-President; Professor Henry L. Chapman, Dean of the faculty.

Rev. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., LL. D., was chosen Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, for the ensuing year.

Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain of Brunswick, and Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, were elected on the Board of Trustees.

The degree of LL. D., was conferred on Hon. James G. Blaine, of Augusta, Hon. William L. Putnam, of Portland. Prof. John H. Coffin, of Washington, D. C., and Hon. Morris C. Blaine, of San Francisco, Cal.; and that of D. D., upon Rev. Joseph K. Greene, of Constantinople, Turkey, and Rev. George M. Adams, of Hallowell, Mass.

The Necrology by Professor A. S. Packard, included twenty-four of the Alumni, from 1823 to 1872, who have died during the year.

The class of 1834, held their semi-centennial anniversary in Brunswick, commencement week.

The class of 1849 held their thirty-fifth anniversary in Brunswick; reference to which is made in Ch. Mir., July 26, 1884.

The classes of 1844, 1874 and 1881, held a re-union in Portland.

Bowdoin Alumni, of Portland and vic., held their annual meeting at the Fal-mouth Hotel, Jan. 17, 1884; of Washington D. C., Jan. 29, Letters from L. Deane, Ch. Mirror, March 29, May 24, and Aug. 18; of New York, at Delmonico's Feb. 12; of Boston, Feb. 18, at which Prof. Packard was present.

The Annual Sophomore prize declamations were held Monday evening, June 30, 1884. Nine Speakers. Music by Chandler's Band. First prize awarded to Harry Fling, of Portland; Second to Wallace R. Kilgore, of North Newry.

The Smyth Mathematical prize of \$300. awarded to Irving W. Horn, of Berlin, N. H., and to Walter V. Wentworth, of Rockland.

Thirty-three graduates of the Maine Medical School, received the degree of M. D., May 28, 1884. Address by Professor Samuel G. Brown, of the College, on the relations and influences of the Medical profession. At the meeting of the Alumni, of the Bowdoin Medical Alumni Association, at 12 M.—addresses were made by Professor A. S. Packard; Prof. I. T. Dana, of Portland; and Dr. A. Horr, of Hallowell.

The day of prayer for Colleges was observed, Thursday, Jan. 31, 1884. All citations being omitted. The Y. M. C. A. held prayer meetings at 10 A. M., and 7.30 P. M. In the afternoon, a prayer meeting was held in the Vestry of the Congregational Church. A sermon was preached in Gower Memorial Hall, at 10 A. M., by Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath. Theme.—The ideal of perfect manhood which the student should ever have before him.

Professor Franklin C. Robinson, has had a large Bible class of Bowdoin College students.

The Praying Circle, instituted July 22, 1815, has been merged in the Young Men's Christian Association of the College. The meetings are open to all who desire to attend.

Commencement—morning, a prayer-meeting is held under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association of the College.

Fall Term commences Tuesday, September 16, 1884. Commencement, Thursday, June 25, 1885.

After the duties of Professor Packard as Acting President of the College had been most satisfactorily and felicitously performed during commencement week, he with his family went on the following Saturday to Squirrel Island. He was in attend-

ance the following Sabbath in the Chapel, and on returning to his boarding place, was walking on the lawn near by when he suddenly fell; he was conscious a few moments, and then entered upon the eternal Sabbath of rest.

"To every alumnus of Bowdoin College the removal of President Packard is a personal bereavement." (See Necrology, p. 117.)

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For Catalogue or information, address the Principal, Hallowell, Maine.

The Exercises of the Tenth Anniversary were held June 27, to July 1, 1884.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sunday morning, June 29, by Professor Lawrence Rolfe, on the Power of faith. Devotional exercises, by Revs. Edward Chase, of the Cong'l ch. and W. F. Holmes, of the Methodist Church, Hallowell.

In the evening, the anniversary address was delivered by Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland. Theme.—The recent appreciation of Common things as illustrating the value of Men,—the Age of the People. Prayer, Rev. C. F. Holbrook, of Baptist ch., Hallowell.

Examinations were held June 27, 28. There were 77 connected with the School during the year.

Public Exercises of the Graduating Class, July 1. Prayer by Rev. I. Luce, of Gardiner; Latin Salutatory; two Essays in the English and Scientific Department; Oration and Essay in the Classical Department; four Essays and Valedictory, in the Seminary Department. Music by Glover's Orchestra, of Auburn, was interspersed.

Hon. James G. Blaine, one of the founders of the School, and for many years President of the Board of Trustees, presented the diplomas, with felicitous remarks. Reported *Lewiston Journal*, and *Portland Press*, June 30, July 2.

### Woman's Board of Missions—Maine Branch.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 12, 1873.

*President*—Mrs. William H. Fenn, 39 Deering St., Portland.

*Vice-Presidents*.—Aroostook Conference—Mrs. George B. Page, Houlton.

Cumberland North—Mrs. Horatio Hiley, South Freeport.

Cumberland South—Mrs. William L. Langley, Cumberland Mills.

Franklin—Mrs. F. A. Stewart, Farmington.

Hancock—Miss Charlotte Woodman, Bucksport.

Kennebec—Mrs. Arthur F. Skeele, Augusta.

Lincoln and Sagadahoc—Mrs. J. Evarts Poud, Warren.

Oxford—Mrs. David Garland, Bethel.

Penobscot—Mrs. John S. Sewall, Bangor.

Piscataquis—Mrs. Charles Davison, Greenville.

Somerset—Mrs. Caroline F. Dole, Norridgewock.

Union—Mrs. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

Waldo—Mrs. B. P. Field, Belfast.

Washington—Mrs. F. E. Shaw, East Machias.

York—Mrs. Zenas Crowell, Cornish.

*Corresponding Secretaries*.—Miss Sophia Spofford, Rockland; Mrs. Caroline F. Smith, Gorham.

*Home Secretary*.—Miss Jennie L. Crie, 139 Spring St., Portland.

*Treasurer*.—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, 122 High St., Portland.

*Auditor*.—Mr. Edward Gould, Portland.

Eleventh anniversary of State Branch, in Biddeford, June 18, 1884. (Page 32.)

There are now connected with the Maine Branch, ninety-one auxiliaries, and seventy mission circles. The receipts for the year, were \$4,297.76.

The Board have during the decade of its organization, aided the Girl's school in Osaka, Japan; Bardesag, Marsovan, and Marden, in Turkey; Umzumbi, at Natal, Africa; the Constantinople Home; the Kioto training school, Japan; the Armenian College, Turkey; the work in Van, Turkey; the Dakota Home among the Indians; Village schools and Bible-readers in India and Turkey; the Medical work in India and China; and the new missionary steamer, *Morning Star*.

The Eleventh Annual Report is published, 31 pps., 12mo.

Semi-annual meeting, at Brunswick, Oct. 25, 1883,—see p. 78.

Report of tenth year, in *Life and Light*, October, 1883, p. 381; and in Sixteenth Report of the Parent Society, Jan. 16, 1884, pps. 66—74.

Letter from Grace N. Kimball, at Van, Turkey, in *Life and Light*, August, 1884, p. 291. From Harpoot, Turkey, Minutes, p. 95.

### Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The Fourth Annual Meeting was held in Biddeford, June 21, 1884. A report of it may be found on page 32.

The work of the Society, list of officers, etc., may be found with the report of the Maine Missionary Society.

### American Missionary Association—Woman's Aid.

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The report of the fourth annual meeting of this Auxiliary, at Biddeford, may be found on p. 33, and in *Am. Missionary*, August, 1884, p. 249,—with the remarks of the presiding officer, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, and the report of Miss Farrington.

Receipts for the year, \$884.96. Amount by churches and Conferences, reported in *Christian Mirror*, July 19, 1884.

Miss Anna E. Farrington, 613 Nun St., Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Mary K. Lunt, Green St., Selma, Ala., (P. O. Box 54) are sustained as teachers and missionaries among the Freedmen, by this Auxiliary.

Report by Miss A. E. Farrington, *Am. Missionary*, September, 1883, p. 279; also, "Sunday-school work by Lady Missionaries," March, 1884, p. 80. Report from Miss Mary K. Lunt, in *Am. Missionary*, March, 1884, p. 82. Miss Lunt was present at the annual meeting at Biddeford, p. 34, Minutes.

Appeal to the Ladies of Maine, for the Maine Woman's Aid, of the Am. Miss'y Asso., in *Ch. Mirror*, Dec. 22, 1883.

Letters from Miss E. B. Emery, from various stations of the Am. Miss'y Asso. at the South, in *Ch. Mirror*, Nov. 10, '83, Jan. 19, '84, Feb. 7, April 5, and May 3.

THE COMMITTEE this year.—Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram, (to whom all remittances should be sent); Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Miss Lillie C. Vose, Dennysville. Each have five Conferences.

*Co-operating Committee in Local Conferences.*—Aroostook, Mrs. George B. Page, Houlton; Cumberland, Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham; Cumberland North, Miss Harriet L. Jones, Auburn; Franklin, Mrs. F. V. Stewart, Farmington Falls; Hancock, Miss Lucy L. Phelps, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, Mrs. M. A. Fiske, Bath; Oxford, Mrs. S. B. Twitchell, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Helen M. Quimby, Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Anna E. Ryder, Brownville; Somerset, Miss S. W. Waldron, Augusta; Union, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram; Waldo, Mrs. D. W. Hardy, Searsport; Washington, Miss Lillie C. Vose, Dennysville; York, Mrs. S. W. Ricker, South Berwick.

**Young Men's Christian Association of Maine.**

*ject:—Spiritual, Mental, and Moral Improvement. The means:—Religious Meetings, Sunday-Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading-rooms, Lectures, Evening Classes, Library, the Press.*

Any information in regard to their object, organization, work, etc., furnished on application to H. P. Winter, Chairman State Executive Committee, Portland.

**Congregational Societies.**

*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—Secretaries:—Rev. G. Clark, D. D., Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., Rev. Judson Smith, D. D.*

*Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward Esq. All to be addressed at Congregational House, 1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.*

*Receipts, from Maine 1882–3, Donations \$9,402.96, Legacies \$400.00; Mission Schools \$568.38; Woman's Board \$3,796.09; Total \$14,167.43.*

*Publications:—Annual Report 25 cts.; Missionary Herald, Monthly, \$1.—per ar; Mission Day Spring, Monthly \$3 per year for 25 copies, single copies 20 cts. r year; Maps, Leaflets, etc.*

*Annual Meeting, Columbus, O., Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1884, at 3 P. M.*

*Woman's Board of Missions.—Mrs. Albert Bowker, President; Miss A. B. Child, me Secretary; Miss Emma Carruth, Treasurer. "Life and Light for Woman," nthly, 60 cents; Mission Day Spring, monthly, 20 cts.; 10 copies \$1.50; 25 copies . Rooms, 1, 2, Congregational House, Boston.—Receipts from Maine, \$3,796.09.*

*The American Missionary Association.—Contributions may be sent to H. W. abbard, Treasurer, 56 Reade St., New York, or to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, Dis. c'y., No. 21 Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Fifty cents a year sent to Mr. abbard, pays for the American Missionary Magazine,—published monthly.*

*Rev. M. E. Strleby, D. D., 56 Reade street, New York, Secretary; Rev. James well D. D., 56 Reade St., N. Y., Assistant Sec'y.—Receipts from Maine, including gacies, \$4,241.57.*

*Letters for the Woman's Bureau may be addressed to Miss D. E. Emerson, in arge, 56 Reade street, New York.*

*The Ladies of Maine have collected \$675, which is included in the above amount. Annual meeting in Salem, Mass., October 21, 1884.*

*American Congregational Association, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset et, Boston, Mass.*

*For information or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., Cor. Sec., Librarian d Assistant Treasurer, Boston, Mass.*

*Vice Presidents for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, ., Lewiston.*

*The thirty-first Annual Report is published, 12 pp., 8 vo.; books and pamphlets e acknowledged as received during the year from Maine, for the Library.*

*The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.* Establishes Sunday Schools, supports Sunday-School Missionaries, and supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. Rev. Albert E. Dunning, *General and National Sunday-School Sec'y.* Geo. P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Boston, Mass., Well Spring, published weekly, 60 cts. per year, or in lots of 20 at 50 cts. per year. Pilgrim Quarterly, 20 cents per year; Pilgrim Quarterly for young scholars, 16 cts. per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper, monthly, 7½ cents; Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper, weekly, 25 cents per year, and several other periodicals. Donated from the Society to Maine, \$12.40. Receipts, \$134.01.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford, Member of the Board of Councilors from Maine.

Fifty second annual report published 1884. Octavo, 48 pps.

*The American College and Education Society.* Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States; and also aids students to the Christian Ministry; Rev. John A. Hamilton. *Cor. Sec'y*, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston. Prof. H. L. Chapman, Brunswick, Me., *Treasurer of the Maine Branch.*

Receipts from Maine, \$335.86. Tenth annual Report is published, 70 pps. 8 vo.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE, *Bangor Theological Seminary.* Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Dea. Samuel D. Thurston. *Bowdoin College.* Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., Prof. Charles H. Smith, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, Rev. William P. Fisher.

*The American Congregational Union.*—Rev. I. H. Cobb, D. D., Corresponding Secretary; H. O. Planeo, Treasurer and Recording Secretary, No. 59 Bible House, New York City; Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Vice-President from Maine; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, State Secretary; Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. Maine Missionary Society, aids in communicating with the churches.

Last year's receipts from Maine, \$749.11. Maine was aided to the amount of \$672.

This Society has aided during the past year in building one-hundred and two churches in 27 States and Territories, to the amount of \$103,947 82, and twelve parsonages \$4,822.50.

The Church Building Quarterly is published at thirty cents a year.

*The American Home Missionary Society,* Bible House, Astor Place, New York City, Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., *Honorary Secretary*; Revs. Walter M. Barrows, D. D., and Joseph B. Clark, *Secretaries for Correspondence*; Rev. Alexander H. Clapp, D. D., *Treasurer*, Post Office, Station D.

The Home Missionary, published monthly, at sixty cents per year. Receipts from churches and individuals in Maine the past year, \$1,858.29. The Maine Missionary Society paid \$1000.

The Fifty-eighth annual Report is published; 160 pps. octavo.

*New West Education Commission.*—Rev. Charles R. Bliss, 112 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill., *Secretary*; William H. Hubbard, 387 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Ill., *Treasurer.* Rev. Albert E. Winship, *District Secretary*, No. 6 Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

The Fourth Annual Report, is published.



## Congregational Organizations.

NAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED  
—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets triennially.

Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871; New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874; Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877;  
St. Mo., Nov. 11, 1880; Concord, N. H., Oct. 11, 1883. Next meeting in  
Ill., Oct. 17, 1886.

, Gen. Conference Cong'l Churches .....	Montgomery....	1884, Mar.	29
with California.....	Stockton, Cal. .	1884, Oct.	7
, with Missouri, and Tennessee.....	St. Louis, Mo....	1883, Sept.	13
a, General Association.....	Stockton.....	1884, Oct.	7
, Association of Cong'l. Churches.....	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1884, Oct.	9
cut, Gen. Association, 2nd Ch., Fairhaven..	New Haven....	1885, June	16
cut, General Conference.....	Bridgport.....	1884, Nov.	11
Congregational Association .....	Yankton.....	1884, Sept.	18
f Columbia, in New Jersey Cong'l. Asso....	Newark, N. J. .	1885, Apr.	21
Gen. Cong'l. Association.....	Orange City....	1884, Jan.	15
Congregational Association.....	Charleston, S.C..	1884, Nov.	6
ot Associated.....			
General Association.....		1885, May	24
territory, in Red River Association.....	Texas.....		
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l. Chs. & Ministers.....		1885, May	13
eneral Association.....		1885, June	3
General Association.....	Parsons.....	1884, Oct.	22
y, connected with Ohio.....	Mansfield, O..	1885, May	14
, Congregational Association.....	New Orleans....	1884, Apr.	2
eneral Conference.....	Lewiston.....	1885, June	16
l, in New Jersey Cong'l Asso.....	Newark, N.J. .	1885, Apr.	21
assets, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.....	New Bedford...	1885, June	16
i, General Association.....	Jackson.....	1885, May	20
ia, Gen. Cong'l Association.....	St. Cloud.....	1884, Oct.	8
pl, with Tennessee.....			
, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l. Chs.....	Sedalia....	1884, Oct.	14
, not Associated.....			
a, Congregational Association.....	Norfolk,....	1884, Oct.	22
in Gen. Asso. of California.....	Stockton.....	1884, Oct.	7
mpshire, General Association.....	Newport.....	1884, Sept.	16
sey, Congregational Association.....	Newark.....	1885, Apr.	21
rico, with Colorado.....	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1884, Oct.	9
'k, General Association.....	Owego,.....	1884, Oct.	21
arolina, Conference.....	Beaufort....	1885, May	1
ngregational Association.....	Mansfield.....	1885, May	14
nd Washington Cong'l Asso.....	Corvallis, Or'gn	1885, July	9
ania churches connected with New York,.....			
ilo or New Jersey Association.....			
ania Western, Welsh Asso.....	Drifton.....	1884,.....	
ania Eastern, Welsh Asso.....			

Rhode Island, Congregational Association.....	Barrington.....	1885, June	9
South Carolina, in Georgia Cong'l Asso.....	Charleston, S.C.	1884, Nov.	6
Tennessee, Central South Conference.....	Little Rock.....	1884, Nov.	20
Texas, South West Cong'l. Association.....			
Texas, North Cong'l. Association.....	Sherman, Texas,	1884, Oct.	14
Utah, Association.....	Salt Lake City..	1884, Nov.	28
Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l. Min'rs. & Chs. ..	Bellows Falls...	1885, June	9
Virginia, in Cong'l. Association New Jersey.....	Newark, N. J....	1884, Apr.	21
Virginia West, in Ohio Cong'l Association..	Mansfield, O....	1885, May	14
Washington Territory, Congregational Asso.....	Olympia.....	1884, Aug.	21
Wisconsin, Cong'l. and Presb. Convention.....	Plattville.....	1884, Sept.	30
Wyoming, with Colorado Association.....	Cheyenne,.....	1884, Oct.	9

Congregational Union of England and Wales, London, Eng., 1885, May 11, 12, 15  
Autumnal meeting, October 7 or 14, 1884, in London.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Economy, Colchester  
Co., N. S., 1884, July 7.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at Hamilton, Ont., 1885, June 10.  
See note p. 20.

### National Council.

The proceedings of the Fifth Tri-ennial Council, at Concord, N. H., Oct. 11—15, 1883, have been published in an octavo pamphlet of 189 pages.

There were present from Maine,—GENERAL CONFERENCE,—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Norridgewock; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel; Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., Portland.

ABOOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Houlton.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth; Rev. S. Winchester  
Adriance, Woodfords.

CUMBERLAND NORTH.—Rev. Ebenezer Bean, Gray.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, Wilton.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville; John B. Bradbury, Waterville.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHO.—Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich.

OXFORD.—Rev. David Garland, Bethel.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, Foxcroft.

SOMERSET.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Norridgewock.

UNION.—Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

WASHINGTON.—Dea. Peter E. Vose, Dennyville.

YORK.—Rev. Merrill Blanchard, Biddeford; Rev. Eddy T. Pitta, Limington.

The following were appointed on Committees:—On Nominations, Rev. J. E. Adams,  
p. 2, 11.

On Report of Treasurer, and Committee on Finance,—John B. Bradbury, p. 13 25, 157.

On Report of Publishing Committee,—Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., p. 15, 171.

On paper on the relation of children to the church.—Rev. B. Tappan D. D., p. 15, 90, 164.

On utilizing ministerial force; and on the small accessions to our churches on confession of faith, and renewed measures to promote a larger increase in the future,—to report in 1886,—Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., p. 14, 185.

Rev. S. W. Adriaance, reported for Bangor Theological Seminary, p. 32, 165, 171.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., took part in the administration of the Lord's Supper, in First church, Sunday, Oct. 14, p. 32. Also, appointed Delegate to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, p. 21.

The National Council recommended the observance of the Fourth Centennial of the Birth-day of Martin Luther, on the 11th of November, 1883, p. 12, 13, 16. The Pastors generally of this Conference, observed the day, presenting the life and work of Luther and the great doctrines he unfolded and proclaimed.

The Committee of the National Council, on a declaration of faith, p. 23, published their report, which has appeared in Cong'l't and Advance, March 6, 1884; Ch. Mir., March 8, and other papers.

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### Average Ministerial Age.

The average ministerial age of the 189 ordained ministers now in the State is 20 years; of 45 who have no pastoral charge, 34 years; of the others, 51 pastors 16, years; 93 acting-pastors, 15 years. Total, 189.

Of the 189, John J. Carruthers, D. D., of Portland, has been in the ministry 65 years; Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld, 58 years; Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield. 56 years, and still in active service; Philip Bunnell, of Phillips, 56 years; Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, 53 years; Rev. Silas Baker, Standish, 52 years; Rev. Joseph Loring, Otisfield, 51 years; twenty-two from 41 to 50 years—average 45 years; twenty-four, from 31 to 40 years,—average 34 years; thirty-one, from 21 to 30 years,—average 25 years; thirty-six, from 11 to 20 years, average 15 years; sixty-nine, from 1 to 10 years,—average 5 years,—total, 189.

Average time of settlement of the fifty-one over the churches of which they are now pastors—eight years; these have been in the ministry, average, sixteen years each.

Average time of settlement of ninety-three acting-pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, four years; these have been in the ministry, average fifteen years each.

### IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

The first and second column of figures in the table below, gives the number of ministers in each Conference, and the average years of their ordination. The third, fourth and fifth columns, the number of pastors, average number of years in the present pastorate, and the average number of years in the ministry. The sixth, seventh and eighth columns, the number of acting-pastors, the average number of years as such in the churches with which they are now connected, and the average

number of years in the ministry. The ninth and tenth columns, the number without charge, and the average number of years in the ministry. Fractions of years are omitted.


Since the table was arranged for the year ending May 5, 1884, some have been omitted who have supplied a portion of the year, and others added who supplied after May 5. Thus giving the latest supply. It does not change the number of ministers in the State, or the average age.

Conferences.	1 No. of Ministers.	2 Average Min- isterial Age.	3 Pastors.	4 Average No. of years.	5 Average Min- isterial Age.	6 Acting Pastors.	7 Average No. of years.	8 Average Min- isterial Age.	9 Without Charge.	10 Average Min- isterial Age.
Aroostook.....	6	18	0	0	0	4	2	6	2	39
Cumberland.....	26	24	11	9	22	8	7	13	2	39
Cumberland North....	24	15	7	4	13	11	5	9	6	35
Franklin.....	10	24	1	19	19	4	3	11	5	35
Hancock.....	11	16	2	8	17	4	2	22	5	31
Kennebec.....	13	17	3	2	2	8	5	16	2	32
Lincoln and Sagadahoc.	13	12	3	10	18	7	4	16	3	35
Oxford.....	12	21	5	10	15	5	3	13	2	48
Penobscot.....	18	16	5	6	10	4	2	5	9	23
Piscataquis.....	7	17	4	13	20	3	6	13	0	0
Somerset.....	6	28	2	14	24	3	5	27	1	38
Union.....	10	16	2	8	8	8	4	18	0	0
Waldo.....	3	23	1	11	11	2	2	18	0	0
Washington.....	8	13	1	24	24	7	4	10	0	0
York.....	22	25	4	4	9	15	5	26	3	46
	189	20	51	8	16	93	4	15	45	34

### Receivers and Reporters in Maine.

*Aroostook Conference*—Rev. George W. Stearns, Patten. *Cumberland*—Rev. E. E. Bacon, Saccarappa. *Cumberland North*—Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Auburn. *Franklin*—Rev. A. G. Fitz, Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev. C. W. Huntington, Ellsworth. *Kennebec*—Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. F. V. Norcross, Union. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, Bethel. *Penobscot*—Dea. E. F. Dora, Bangor. *Piscataquis*—Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson. *Somerset*—A. R. Bixby, Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. William B. Hague, South Bridgton. *Waldo*—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. *Washington*—Rev. Geo. E. Chapin, Princeton. *York*—Rev. Wm. S. Thompson, Acton.

### Returns of the Churches.

The return of the churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following*.  Begin in April to gather the material.

The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. Write to any church after the first week in May has past, that may not have reported, and repeat if necessary, until answer is received.

(See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

### To the Pastors and Officers of the Churches.

The value of the Reports and Papers in the Minutes depends upon their being considered by all the members of our Churches. Will you please see that the most practical parts of them are read to your congregation, and made the subject of discussion and prayer?

**NOTICE.**—The copy of the Minutes of the General Conference, and Report of the Maine Missionary Society, directed to each church, to be placed with the records of the church, for preservation and reference.

Extra copies of the Minutes and Report will be furnished for thirty cents. Orders may be sent to E. F. Duren, Chairman of the Publishing Committee, 201 Hammond St., Bangor, Me.

### Depositories of the Auxiliaries of the American Bible Society.

Maine Bible Society,.....	Bailey and Noyes, 56 Exchange St.....	Portland.
Kennebec County B. S.....	C. E. Hunt,.....	Augusta.
Washington County B. S.....	Peter E. Vose,.....	Dennysville.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 29, 1883.

State Fast, April 7, 1884.

The Constitution and Rules of the General Conference of Maine, may be found on pps. 199, 200.

## Memoranda.

P. 13. The last line should have been Young Men's Christian Association.

PPS. 76, 79. The Corresponding Secretary reports that the Cumberland Association has met the past year on the second Tuesday of each alternate month,—sixteen in all; and will probably continue to do so.

P. 89. Addition to report of organization of the church at Randolph and Gorham Hill, not received in season.—Invocation and reading of Scripture, by Rev. H. A. Andrews, of Bethlehem, N. H.; reading of Articles of Faith and Covenant, by Rev. Theodore C. Jerome, of Gorham, N. H.; prayer of consecration, and fellowship of the churches, by Rev. Sidney A. Burnaby, of Lancaster, N. H.; Hymn; Closing prayer and benediction, by Rev. Edward H. Greeley, of Concord, N. H. .... Thaddeus S. Lowe, chosen Deacon of the church; A. A. Heath, Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

P. 118. Necrology.—Average age of seventeen, from p. 110, seventy-seven years; of the twenty, seventy two years.

P. 119. Average age of three in previous years, seventy-eight; of the four, sixty-five.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

*ANNUAL MEETING AT BIDDEFORD,*

**JUNE 18, 1884.**

# OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

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# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steel, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a Society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland, in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

(Approved Jan. 27, 1871.)

## CONSTITUTION.

*As revised and adopted June 23, 1872.*

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society; and a payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, besides the President and Vice-President, who shall be ex-officiis members of the Board. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society, as follows: the President, Vice-President and Auditors, for a term of three years; the Secretary and Treasurer for a term of one year; the fifteen elective Trustees in three ranks of five each, to hold office respectively for three years, two years, and one year from the next election, (1882.) and thereafter five shall be chosen annually, to hold office for three years, one of whom, at least, shall be a person who has not served on the Board the previous year. When an office becomes vacant by resignation or death, the place shall be filled by an election for the unexpired term. Seven of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of

he Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall report annually the amount of the permanent fund of the Society, and how invested. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

**ART. VIII.** The Society shall meet annually on the third Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

**ART. IX.** The constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

**ART. X.** The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

**ART. XI.** The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

**ART. XII.** This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to co-operate with them in their designs.

**ART. XIII.** The Secretary, with the Treasurer, shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed, when advised by the Trustees.

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AID.

The Congregational Church in ———, hereby applies to the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, for aid for the year ending June 1, 188—, and gives the following answers to the proposed questions:

1. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all resident members of the church, as found on last town valuation?
2. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all members of the Society except the members of the church?
3. What is the name of the minister for whom a commission is desired?
4. Are his services sought for the whole, or a part of the time?
5. What amount of salary do you propose to pay him?
6. Does your Society own a parsonage? If so, what rent is charged?  
Is it reckoned in amount of salary?
7. How much fund, or other property, has the Society? What is the annual income?
8. What proportion of the salary is pledged by the people?
9. Is aid expected from any other source than this Society? How much?
10. What is the least amount of aid needed from this Society for the year ending June 1, 188 ?

**NOTICE.**—A certificate of the minister that previous pledges by the people for his support have been redeemed, is required.

At a late meeting this vote was passed to be inserted in future blanks for applications, viz: "The Trustees of this Society cannot think that any church will be willing to ask renewed aid till it has met fully all past obligations to its pastor."

It is expected of churches, that they will pay for the support of preaching at least *one per cent.* on their *taxable property* before asking aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

A special rule adopted by the Trustees, requires that each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society make, while the assistance is granted, an *annual contribution*.

This application should be made and signed by a committee of the church. It will save expense and delay to answer every particular. Do not mark anyone "*as heretofore*," &c. It does not answer a question.

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FORM OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PASTORS OF  
AIDED CHURCHES.

DEAR BROTHER:—

It is desired that those who are commissioned to perform ministerial service for the churches aided by the Maine Missionary

Society, present to the Secretary of the Society reports for the quarters ending Aug. 31, Nov. 30, and Feb. 28, and that the reports be sent in promptly at these dates. May 7, an annual report will be due.

And in order that the Trustees and the Secretary may be furnished with such information as they need for the proper discharge of their duties, it is requested that these reports be made by filling the following form :

*To the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society:*

Please receive herewith my report of labor at——, for the quarter ending——, 188—, and send an order to the Treasurer for so much as is due me from the Society at this date.

(Signed) —— ———

QUESTIONS.

1. How many weeks of missionary labor are embraced in this report?
2. How many pastoral visits have been made?
3. Has a weekly prayer meeting been maintained?
4. What has been the average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting?
5. In how many neighborhoods have religious meetings been held?
6. For what charitable objects have offerings been made; and how much has been given for each?
7. Has a monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world been observed?
8. How many have attended the Sabbath School?
9. What else has occurred worthy of notice, relating to such matters as — the attendance at meetings,—the religious visitation of families,—the distribution of religious reading,—temperance,—cases of religious interest,—conversions,—additions by profession,—discipline,—efforts to benefit those who do not attend public worship,—obstacles, encouragements?

**NOTE.**—Attention is called to the following rule, adopted by the Trustees at their annual meeting, 1867: Each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society, will be required to make, while this assistance is continued, an annual contribution to its funds. Also notice this standing rule.

The Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Society *quarterly*, shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those who report *semi-annually*, shall be entitled to semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of June, shall be considered as having *forfeited their claim to their last quarterly payment*, unless a sufficient excuse be rendered.

## FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

*Annual Report of the Church and Society in——made to the  
Maine Missionary Society, for the year ending May 7, 188 .*

1. The number of church members is, male—; female—; total—.
2. The additions to the church during the year ending May 7, are—  
by profession—; letter—; total—.
3. The number of hopeful conversions, is—
4. The number of families ordinarily represented in the congregation.  
is—
5. The average number of the Sabbath congregation, is—
6. The number attending week-day prayer meeting, is—
7. The number in the Sabbath School, as pupils, young and old, is—
8. The amount of contributions to the Maine Missionary Society.  
is \$—
9. The amount contributed to all other religious charities, is \$—
10. The cash salary of the minister, is—
11. Has he use of parsonage? If so, at what estimated rent?
12. Is the salary punctually paid?
13. The amount of permanent fund, if any, is—

NOTE.—Make a careful statement of all the above facts, and return promptly; and upon this report the usual order for payment will be drawn.

## NOTICES.

Any correspondence relating to the general interest of the Society, may be directed to Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, P. O. Box 464, Bangor, Me.

Remittances of money, and communications relating to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to John L. Crosby, Esq., Treasurer, P. O. Box, 1528, Bangor, Me.

Aid Societies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, should forward their collections to Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, Treasurer, Bangor, Me.

Application for aid should be made by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. It is very desirable that the ministerial year should correspond with the year of the Missionary Society, which is June 1st, so that all applications for renewal of aid may be ready for the action of the Trustees at their annual meeting, held on the third Wednesday of June, each year.

Committees of churches are requested to report every particular mentioned in the form of application, as failure to answer any one of the particulars may cause inconvenience, expense and delay. Do not put against any number,—“Nothing different from past year,” etc. State present facts positively.

The Trustees will not be expected to continue aid where pecuniary liabilities to the pastor are not promptly discharged. It is suggested that weekly or monthly collections at a regular Sabbath service, of the previously pledged subscriptions for the support of preaching, will insure the best results for all concerned.

No church should fail of a generous contribution to the Maine Missionary Society in any year.

Let annual reports be not mere statistics, but a concise review of the year, embracing all important *facts*.

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*Form of a Bequest to the Maine Missionary Society.*

I give to the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY the sum of———dollars for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Some legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name, or by neglect of making a formal bequest.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the 2nd church, Biddeford, at 9 o'clock. A. M., June 18, 1884.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., was in the chair and conducted the devotional exercises. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. F. T. Bayley, of Portland. Text: Mat. 13: 33.

The Treasurer, J. L. Crosby, Esq., read his report and the motion to accept and print was passed.

The Secretary presented the report of the Trustees. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. C. W. Christie, and seconded by Prof. L. L. Paine, D. D., and it was voted to accept and print as usual.

Dr. Fiske spoke tenderly of the life and work of the late ex-Secretary, Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D. Brief remarks were made also by Rev. David Garland, of Bethel.

A vote of thanks for his admirable sermon, was accorded the preacher, Rev. F. T. Bayley.

A contribution amounting to \$37.38 was taken, when it was voted to proceed to the elections.

The following choices were made, viz :

Rev. J. E. ADAMS, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

JOHN L. CROSBY, Esq., Treasurer.

TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS.

BARNABAS FREEMAN, Esq.

Rev. J. E. ADAMS.

W. E. GOULD, Esq.

Rev. H. C. WESTWOOD, D. D.

Prof. L. L. PAINE, D. D.

The nominating committee, Rev. C. A. Pope, Rev. P. B. Thayer and Rev. W. P. Fisher, reported, and it was voted that the next meeting be held with the Pine St. church, Lewiston, on the third Wednesday of June, 1885.

First preacher, Rev. C. W. Folsom, Bath.

Alternate, Rev. H. C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn.

Adjourned.

Attest :

J. E. ADAMS,  
Recording Secretary.



# Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

Organized at Foxcroft, June 17, 1880.

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## OFFICERS.

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### PRESIDENT,

Mrs. W. E. GOULD, Portland.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

dstook,	Mrs. G. W. Christie,	Presque Isle.
berland,	Mrs. C. M. Dow,	Portland.
berland North,	Miss Celia Valentine,	New Gloucester.
klin,	Mrs. C. H. Pope,	Farmington.
cock,	Mrs. G. G. Powers,	Orland.
rebec,	Mrs. E. N. Smith,	Waterville.
old and Sagadahoc,	Mrs. H. O. Thayer,	Woolwich.
rd,	Mrs. E. C. Ingalls,	South Paris.
ataquis,	Mrs. D. A. Morehouse,	Foxcroft,
bscot,	Mrs. A. J. Bates,	Brewer.
erset,	Mrs. C. A. Dole,	Norridgewock.
n,	Mrs. J. P. Hubbard,	Hiram.
do,	Mrs. J. H. Noyes,	Belfast.
hington,	Mrs. Wm. P. Paine,	Eastport.
t,	Mrs. Geo. Michael,	Alfred.

### TREASURER,

Mrs. ROSE M. CROSBY, Bangor.

### SECRETARY,

Mrs. L. L. PAINE, Bangor.

The object of this Society is to arouse deeper interest among the churches in the work of the Maine Missionary Society, and to collect money for its aid.

## CONSTITUTION FOR STATE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of the officers, to interest all Congregational churches in the State, to form Aid Societies, with a view to raise money for the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 4. All funds collected, shall be given to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Society, as often as once in each year.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and the transaction of other business, in connection with the meeting of the Maine General Conference, in June—the place and hour to be designated by the Secretary.

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## CONSTITUTION FOR CHURCH SOCIETIES.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the (here insert name selected) Aid Society of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen at the annual meeting. One person may act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the collection of money to aid the Maine Missionary Society, and the arousing of deeper interest in the work of that Society.

ART. 4. All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Auxiliary, to be used by her as their constitution directs.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of this Society by the annual payment of—, or the monthly payment of—(The *method* of raising funds to be left to the discretion of the officers of the Society.)

## SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society.

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The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society submit the following as their report for this seventy-seventh anniversary meeting.

From year to year, and continually, we are reminded that there is a time for activity and a time to rest from earthly labors. Several of the fathers, who in the past have served faithfully and well in our State and for this Society, have been called, during the past year, to the higher and better service.

We record first, the death of *ex-Secretary, Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D.*, which occurred at his old home in Searsport, where he resided nearly fifty-eight years. He was surrounded by his loving family, who so tenderly cared for him in his declining years.

An ardent lover of the home missionary work in the State, as well as of all missionary and philanthropic efforts in the broad sense, from the first of his christian life, he came more closely into connection with this Society in 1849, when he was elected a Trustee, which office he held for a period of thirty-two years, till 1881. During twelve of these years, from 1864 to 1876, he served the Society as its Secretary. These were years filled with active and vigorous efforts for strengthening and encouraging the smaller and weaker Congregational churches of this State.

When his failing strength warned him that it was better the burden of his office should be borne by another, he reluctantly laid it aside, expressing his deep love in these words: "God bless the Maine Missionary Society." Even then he could not cease from labor, but at his request, he preached at Burlington in the winter of 1877, and at Jonesport in the summer of the same year, where he organized the church which of late has enjoyed a precious revival.

As he retired from office, the following minute was passed:

**Resolved,** That the Maine Missionary Society hereby expresses its high appreciation of the services of its retiring Secretary, the Rev. Stephen Thurston, D.D., during the twelve years that he has filled that position, and extends to him its most hearty thanks for his fidelity to its duties; for his

careful and impartial administration of the various interests entrusted to him; and for the uniform courtesy and kindness which have characterized all his relations with the Missionaries and Board of Trustees. This Society expresses its earnest hope that, for many years to come, he may be permitted to rejoice in the continued prosperity of the cause, to whose advancement his efficient agency has so largely contributed.

*Resolved*, That the above resolution be communicated to Mr. Thurston, and entered upon the records of the Society.

And so another of the fathers is gathered as a sheaf fully ripened, and is received to his reward. "Servant of God, well done." Rest with thy predecessors who grew gray in the service of the Maine Missionary Society.

In connection with Dr. Thurston, we must mention *Rev. Wooster Parker*, one of Maine's marked ministers, who, for several years, served the Society both as missionary and Trustee. Strong in intellect, clear in judgment and kind in heart, he was a man wise in counsel, safe in action and true in friendship.

*Rev. J. S. Batchelder* died at his post in West Auburn, in January. His strong faith, loving devotion and earnest labors endeared him to his people. They could see that he walked with Jesus, and took lessons from Him.

We mention others as those who have labored at some time in the missionary fields of the State, and have proved themselves workmen that had no need to be ashamed. *Rev. Nathaniel Barker*, *Rev. Samuel S. Drake*, *Rev. Seth Hardy*, *Rev. Thomas N. Lord*, *Rev. Micah W. Strickland*, *Rev. Stephen Titcomb* and *Rev. Calvin White*, must now be upon our roll-call of the departed.

It is worthy of note that the average age to these fathers is seventy-six years. Again we find the fulfillment of the promise, "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

# STATISTICS.

Churches.	Missionaries.	Congregation.	Conversions.	Added		Membership.			Families.	Prayer-meetings.	Sunday-school.	Contributions.		
				Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.				Maine Missionary Society.	Other Objects.	
n.....	Rev. W. S. Thompson	60	0	0	0	18	35	53	30	10	53	26	75	22 00
ny.....	G. T. W. Patrick	90	..	..	..	13	30	43	30	17	75	14	07	.....
erst & Aurora	Rev. Wm. Haynes	65	0	0	0	11	40	51	50	15	62	5	00	.....
over.....	" Chas. Dame	100	0	0	0	27	47	74	43	15	50	5	00	18 00
n with Anson	" John Dinsmore	60	3	1	0	12	24	36	20	12	75	12	00	.....
rth.....	..	75	0	1	1	2	11	13	30	..	35	12	00	8 00
rn, West.....	" J. S. Batchelder	100	..	..	..	36	57	93	40	10	40	20	00	30 00
or East and	W. C. Jones	75	1	0	0	22	22	44	22	15	40	..	..	.....
sex Street....	R. C. Drisko	..	..	..	..	No	ch	..	..	..	18	..	..	.....
or, Central Dist	G. H. Reed	70	..	..	..	No	ch	..	..	15	70	20	00	.....
Harbor.....	Rev. A. J. McGown	100	4	2	3	3	15	18	55	35	65	35	00	.....
ham.....	" G. L. Edwards	75	0	0	0	17	20	43	25	15	50	11	50	24 22
ksville, West..	J. D. Smiley	125	7	6	0	45	65	110	45	30	80	8	00	.....
nfield.....	Rev. E. S. Jordan	65	4	2	1	16	27	43	40	..	42	15	00	11 00
nville, Welsh	W. C. Jones	50	..	..	..	No	ch	..	..	..	..	4	00	.....
ngton.....	Rev. S. W. Chapin	59	0	0	0	10	33	43	36	7	94	9	00	.....
on, North.....	" E. S. Palmer	125	19	7	2	12	32	44	58	37	75	..	..	.....
an.....	A. B. Shaw	93	..	..	..	No	ch	..	..	30	45	8	37	.....
ryfield.....	Rev. E. M. Cousins	150	..	..	..	13	27	40	35	16	..	..	..	55 00
nam.....	S. G. Foster	70	12	6	0	15	23	38	20	35	60	5	00	5 00
mark.....	M. W. Adams	66	0	0	0	5	39	44	25	15	25	9	50	2 00
Isle, North...	Rev. C. H. Gates	45	1	0	0	11	16	27	11	..	32	..	..	.....
er.....	J. W. Strout	55	2	0	0	16	35	51	30	12	60	1	00	.....
am with.....	Rev. R. Wickett	70	1	0	0	8	14	22	22	15	40	5	00	.....
wral.....	..	90	2	0	0	14	36	50	35	20	75	9	50	4 00
port.....	J. E. Bushnell	75	..	..	..	17	63	80	30	..	50	18	00	.....
comb.....	Rev. E. H. Jenkyns	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
t.....	" C. G. Holyoke	65	4	1	0	17	39	76	30	15	50	27	10	67 36
orth Falls...	" D. S. Hibbard	73	0	0	0	13	42	55	60	18	63	23	59	29 00
ington Falls..	S. D. Towne	125	..	..	..	16	30	46	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Fairfield.....	Rev. J. L. Hill	75	0	0	0	8	30	38	35	30	80	7	00	19 76
kfort.....	" E. P. Eastman	90	10	0	2	23	21	44	54	35	94	9	05	15 60
dom.....	A. G. Pettengill	50	..	..	..	2	36	32	15	20	65	..	..	.....
iner, South...	D. L. Strong	100	1	0	0	6	22	28	20	8	35	10	00	.....
ind.....	M. Hemenway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
son.....	Rev. Fred Newport	60	0	1	0	5	9	14	35	5	40	..	..	11 00
m.....	" P. B. Thayer	70	1	0	0	33	63	96	50	20	113	35	00	34 45
en.....	" E. Bean	55	20	0	0	23	36	59	..	8	50	30	50	38 00
ton.....	N. Lincoln	65	0	0	0	5	16	29	45	22	60	13	00	7 25
u Haut.....	" Z. Crowell	80	3	7	3	8	23	31	55	15	65	17	32	34 44
son and Brooks	" J. B. Hawes	65	0	1	2	22	49	71	30	..	60	1	15	.....
sboro with...	" B. P. Snow	80	2	0	0	15	27	42	65	21	45	16	00	11 00
hfield and...	" Wm. Haynes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
neyville.....	C. L. Skinner	40	0	0	0	1	10	11	20	20	20	47	66	.....
son and Brooks	R. J. Kyle	65	4	0	0	20	44	70	30	18	70	10	00	.....
sboro with...	..	50	0	2	0	7	10	17	..	23	65	..	..	.....
hfield and...	C. H. Small	75	..	..	..	11	25	36	25	52	65	5	00	.....
neyville.....	..	50	..	..	..	12	19	31	25	28	44	..	..	.....

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No.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Congregation.	Conversions.	Added		Membership.			Families.	Prayer-meetings.	Sunday-school.	Maine Missionary Society.	Contributions.
					Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.					
41	Jonesport .....	Rev. W. W. Dow ..	185	21	0	0	12	20	41	40	50	89		
42	Kittery .....	J. L. Evans .....	150	5	5	0	22	39	61	22	30	100	20 00	5 00
43	Ligonia, Welsh ..	A. Z. Conrad .....	125	6	0	0	25	35	60	44	15	45		
44	Limerick .....	C. A. Wight .....												
45	Limington with ..	Rev. E. T. Pitts ..	125	0	0	0	46	91	137	48	40	87		57 00
	Baldwin .....		40	1	0	1	10	29	39	40		25		
46	Lincoln .....	M. Hemenway .....	100				7	17	25	24		65	1 50	
		Jas. Lade .....												
47	Litchfield .....	Rev. J. T. Hawes ..	65	1	1	0	23	35	58	25	12	46	23 00	36 00
48	Lovell with .....	" L. Goodrich .....	150	4	9	2	42	81	123	56	20	125		10 00
	Sweden .....		45	0	0	0	14	20	34	16	12	35	11 00	
49	Lyman .....	Rev. G. F. Tewksbury	75	3	2	0	26	53	79	45	12	60	7 53	15 50
50	Machiasport .....	H. S. Snyder .....	100				25	33	58	25	20	40		
51	Madison .....	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	100	2	5	2	31	43	74	30	0	100	27 00	25 00
52	Madison, East ..	J. E. Aikins .....	53				7	13	20	18	21	28	2 60	
53	Mayfield & Brighton	F. A. Mansfield ..	100				Ne	h				63	15 00	
54	Mechanic Falls with	Rev. C. A. White ..	90	2	1	4	10	37	47	00	25	79		9 00
	Poland .....						5	15	20					
55	Medway .....	W. H. McBride .....					Ne	h		15		30		
56	Mercer .....	C. S. Wilder .....	75				7	21	28	36		55		
57	Milford .....	Rev. H. A. Freeman	75				Ne	h			33		4 00	
58	Millbridge .....	" E. L. Wallbridge	45				Ne	h		30	85	40		
59	Monmouth .....	" J. B. Carruthers	75	0	0	1	21	42	63	40	20	40	11 00	5 00
		" R. M. Peacock												
60	Monson .....	" W. G. Mann .....	128	3	0	0	37	50	87	60	34	20	10 00	40 00
61	Newfield, West ..	" A. Redlon .....	50	0	0	2	13	17	30	38	10	45		1 50
62	New Vineyard with	J. G. Fagg .....	120	2	2	2	9	10	14	12	15	50		
	No. New Portland		90				3	7	10	14	10	40	4 53	
63	Northfield .....	J. A. Thomas .....	40				6	14	20	24		25		
64	Oxford .....	G. C. Cressey .....	75				14	30	44	30	10	50	6 00	
		Rev. W. W. Fay .....												
65	Patten with .....	" G. W. Stearns ..	55	2	6	1	14	32	40	36	15	65	30 96	19 08
	Island Falls .....		60	3	5	1	13	27	40	27	15	75	18 18	6 57
66	Phillips and Madrid	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	80	0	2	1	8	18	26	27	10	60	10 00	5 00
67	Portland, 4th .....	" J. G. Wilson .....	80	2	0	0	2	10	12	25	20	65	10 00	45 00
68	Presque Isle .....	" G. W. Christie	150	7	4	7	9	25	34	50	25	100	13 20	3 00
69	Princeton and Waite	" G. E. Chapin .....	75	1	0	0	23	34	57	62	25	75	54 00	16 50
70	Robbinston .....	E. W. Greene .....	75	1	0	0	20	38	58	40	12	50		16 00
71	Rumford .....	Rev. J. A. Jones .....	75	2			6	20	26		10	40	7 56	
72	Sandy Point .....	" D. W. Hardy .....	50	0	0	1	21	45	60	20	15	35	8 43	3 26
73	Sanford .....	" J. H. Stone .....	50				12	26	38	29	8	75	4 00	
74	Sherman, etc .....	" I. C. Bumpus .....	100	5	5	1	40	75	115	37	25	80	9 16	7 00
75	Standish .....	" R. S. Whidden ..	100	20	10	3	11	45	56	60	45	60	16 00	36 58
76	Steuben .....	J. C. Aganier .....	65				Branch				18	60	5 00	
77	Strong .....	B. S. Rideout .....	100	0	4	0	30	50	80	73	15	70	10 00	
78	Sumner, East .....	Rev. G. Rice .....	65	9	1	1	24	41	65	22	20	40	6 75	3 70
79	Tremont .....	" A. N. Jones .....	75	0	0	0	10	53	63	60		90	3 00	

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Places.	Missionaries.	Congregation.	Conversions.		Added		Membership.		Families.	Prayer meetings.	Sunday-school.	Contributions.		
			Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Maine Mission- ary Society.				Other Objects.		
.....	Rev. R. H. McGown	75	4	5	0	42	49	91	34	0	90	22	75	19 00
.....	" F. V. Norcross	112	6	2	1	17	61	78	75	48	134	15	00	42 00
ro. ....	" H. F. Harding.	50	0	2	4	1	14	15	25	7	20	.....	.....	.....
de. ....														
ro. ....	F. G. Chutter.....	100	6	2	6	14	22	36	50	20	70	50	.....	.....
Memorial														
.....	Rev. R. M. Peacock	32	.....	.....	13	21	34	20	40	.....	10	50	.....	.....
.....	G. R. Freeman.....	90	.....	.....	5	19	24	29	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....
nth.....	Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	75	.....	1	29	56	85	41	15	80	4	00	44	25
e. ....		75	.....	1	22	39	61	35	.....	45	.....	6	25	.....
with.....	Rev. T. P. Williams	60	0	1	2	29	57	86	33	8	45	9	50	15 00
.....		60	.....	.....	10	35	45	50	20	68	14	10	.....	.....
h.....	Rev. H. O. Thayer.	140	.....	2	0	22	75	95	55	20	116	33	07	45 67

ation, 7,841: Conversions, 211; added by Profession, 94; by ; membership, Males, 1,458; Females, 3,035; Total, 4,493; 3,139; Prayer-meetings, 1,669; Sunday-schools, 5,694; contri-  
 Maine Missionary Society, \$964.73; Other Objects, \$1,004.94.

## Paid for Pastoral Work from June 1, 1883, to June 1, 1884.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
1 Acton	Rev. W. S. Thompson	\$150 00	12 mos.
2 Amherst and Aurora	Rev. W. Haynes	66 67	4 "
"    "	W. F. English	20 00	1 "
3 Andover	Rev. C. Dame	100 00	12 "
4 Anson with	Rev. J. Dinsmore	34 00	12 "
North Anson		56 00	
5 Auburn, West	Rev. J. S. Batchelder	166 67	10 "
6 Bar Harbor	Rev. A. J. McGown	200 00	12 "
7 Bingham	Rev. J. L. Edwards	100 00	6 "
8 Brooksville, West	J. D. Smiley	193 25	10½ "
9 Brownfield	Rev. E. S. Jordan	200 00	12 "
10 Burlington	Rev. S. W. Chapin	250 00	12 "
11 Buxton, North	Rev. E. S. Palmer	88 33	5 "
12 Cherryfield	Rev. E. M. Cousins	20 83	1 "
13 Deer Isle, North	Rev. C. H. Gates	162 50	12 "
14 Dexter	J. W. Strout	150 00	12 "
15 Durham with Pownal	Rev. R. Wickett	100 00	12 "
16 Edgecomb	Rev. C. G. Holyoke	200 00	12 "
17 Elliot	Rev. D. S. Hibbard	150 00	12 "
18 Farmington Falls	Rev. J. L. Hill	100 00	12 "
19 Fort Fairfield	Rev. E. P. Eastman	400 00	12 "
20 Gardiner, South	Rev. F. Newport	208 33	12 "
21 Garland	Rev. P. B. Thayer	100 00	12 "
22 Gray	Rev. E. Bean	125 00	12 "
23 Harrison	Rev. N. Lincoln	100 00	12 "
24 Hiram	Rev. Z. Crowell	125 00	12 "
25 Houlton	Rev. B. P. Snow	141 00	3½ "
	Rev. W. Haynes	296 34	7½ "
26 Jackson and Brooks	R. J. Kyle	200 00	12 "
27 Kittery	Rev. W. W. Dow	150 00	12 "
28 Limington with	Rev. E. T. Pitts	125 00	12 "
Baldwin		100 00	
29 Litchfield	Rev. J. W. Hawes	150 00	12 "
30 Lovell with Sweden	Rev. L. Goodrich	83 33	8 "
31 Lyman	Rev. G. F. Tewksbury	100 00	12 "
32 Madison	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	125 00	12 "
33 Mechanic Falls, Poland	Rev. C. A. White	300 00	12 "
34 Milford	Rev. H. A. Freeman	200 00	12 "
35 Millbridge	Rev. E. L. Wallbridge	44 00	5 "
36 Monmouth	Rev. J. B. Carruthers	50 00	6 "
	Rev. R. M. Peacock	40 67	5 "
37 Monson	Rev. G. W. Mann	200 00	12 "
38 Newfield, West	Rev. A. Redlon	137 50	11 "
39 Patten with	Rev. G. W. Stearns	150 00	12 "
Island Falls		150 00	
40 Phillips with Madrid	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	250 00	12 "
41 Portland, 4th	Rev. J. G. Wilson	200 00	12 "
42 Presque Isle	Rev. G. W. Christie	500 00	12 "
43 Princeton with Waite	Rev. G. E. Chapin	200 00	12 "
44 Sanford	Rev. H. J. Stone	50 00	6 "
45 Sherman	Rev. I. C. Bumpus	300 00	12 "
46 Standish	Rev. R. S. Whidden	200 00	12 "
47 Stockton	Rev. D. W. Hardy	100 00	12 "
48 Strong	B. S. Rideout	125 00	10 "
49 Sumner, East	Rev. G. Rice	100 00	12 "
50 Tremont	Rev. A. N. Jones	150 00	9 "



CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
51 Turner	Rev. R. H. McGown	150 00	12 mos.
52 Union	Rev. F. V. Norcross	200 00	12 "
53 Vassalboro	Rev. H. F. Harding	222 90	8 "
54 Vassalboro, Adams' Mem.	F. G. Chutter	300 00	12 "
55 Wilton with Temple	Rev. A. G. Fitz	225 00	12 "
56 Winslow with Benton	Rev. T. P. Williams	75 00	
		112 50	9 "
57 Woolwich	Rev. H. O. Thayer	150 00	12 "
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		\$9,915 82	

Paid for Supply from June 1, 1883, to June 1, 1884.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
1 Albany	G. T. W. Patrick;	\$60 00	3½ mos.
2 Bangor, Central	G. H. Reed	54 00	9 "
3 " East and " Essex St.	W. C. Jones	60 00	3½ "
	R. C. Drisko	85 50	8 "
4 Brownville, Welsh	W. C. Jones	16 00	2 "
5 Canaan	A. B. Shaw	88 00	2½ "
6 Dedham	S. G. Foster	96 00	3 "
7 Denmark	M. W. Adams	00 00	3½ "
8 Eastport	J. E. Bushnell	52 00	3½ "
	Rev. E. H. Jenkyns	33 33	2 "
9 Ellsworth Falls	S. D. Towne	16 00	2 "
10 Frankfort	A. G. Pettengill	64 00	4 "
11 Freedom	D. L. Strong	60 00	3½ "
	M. Hemenway	40 00	4 "
12 Holden	Rev. J. B. Hawes	46 00	9 "
13 Isle au Haut	C. L. Skinner	96 00	3 "
14 Jonesboro, Marshfield and Whitneyville	C. H. Small	59 47	3½ "
15 Ligonias	J. L. Evans	78 00	3½ "
16 Limerick	A. F. Conrad	70 00	4½ "
	C. A. Wight	16	1 "
17 Lincoln	M. Hemenway	17 50	1½ "
	Jas. Lade	15 00	1½ "
18 Machiasport	H. S. Snyder	64 00	4 "
19 Madison, East	J. E. Atkins	48 00	3 "
20 Mayfield and Brighton	F. A. Mansfield	96 00	3 "
21 Medway	W. H. McBride	8 00	½ "
22 Mercer	C. S. Wilder	13 00	1½ "
23 New Vineland and North New Portland	J. G. Fagg	60 00	4 "
24 Northfield	J. A. Thomas	67 50	3½ "
25 Oxford	G. C. Cressey	68 00	4½ "
	Rev. W. W. Fay	60 00	3½ "
26 Robbinston	E. W. Green	48 00	3 "
27 Rumford	Rev. J. A. Jones	48 00	3 "
28 Steuben	J. C. Aganier	64 00	2 "
29 Weld	Rev. R. M. Peacock	52 00	3½ "
30 Whiting	G. R. Freeman	64 00	4 "
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		\$1,949 30	

**General Missionary Work, from June 1, 1883, to June 1, 1884.**

PLACES.	MEN.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
Caribou	Rev. H. F. Harding	\$32 00	1 mo.
Cherryfield, Jonesport, Machiasport, Millbridge, &c.	Rev. E. L. Wallbridge	229 50	6½ "
Hiram	Rev. R. S. Underwood	35 00	½ "
Oxford County	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	62 50	4 "
Cost to Society.....		\$359 00	12
Paid by the people of Washington County.....		323 50	
Total expense.....		\$682 50	

**Whole Cost to the Society for Missionary Service for the Year ending June 1, 1884.**

To Pastors.....	\$9,915 82
To Supplies.....	1,949 30
To General Work.....	359 00
Total.....	\$12,224 12

**SUMMARY.**

Our missionaries have occupied eighty-eight distinct fields. These are made up of churches and stations. The churches aided directly, number ninety; but others are connected with them, of which the most would need assistance were it not for this union. Sixteen stations have been occupied.

During the year, ninety-four men have been under commission, eleven more than last year. Fifty-nine are ordained ministers of whom, seven are pastors, forty-seven are acting pastors and five have aided in general supply. Thirty-five young men have been employed, nearly twice as many as last year, of whom five did each a pastor's work, and thirty gave vacation supply. Two were ordained during the year. The whole amount of service performed has been equal to sixty-three and seven-twelfths years, nearly eight years more than last year.

An average attendance upon Sabbath worship of 7,841 is reported, which is 1,473 in excess of last year's average; 5,694 is given as found in the Sunday schools, an increase of 792, and 1,669 have attended the week day prayer-meeting, showing an improvement in this direction. The families reached by the missionaries, number 3,139. There is a membership to these churches of 1,458 males and 3,035 females, giving a total of 4,493.

The number of conversions returned is 211, and the additions reported are ninety-four by profession, and sixty-six by letter, making a total of one hundred and sixty.

The average grant for pastoral work, is \$175.00; and the average salary is \$606.00.

The churches have contributed to the Maine Missionary Society, \$964.73; and to other objects, \$1,004.94; in all, \$1,969.67.

Two parsonages have been freed from a debt of \$500.00 each. Two meeting-houses have been dedicated, one vestry has been built, several houses of worship are on the way to completion, and others have been repainted and refurnished. The past has been a year of prosperity in temporal matters to most of the churches. We regret that the report in the direction of spiritual results, is so meager.

### THE TREASURY.

The receipts from churches and individuals during the year were	\$6,180 39
The receipts from the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary were.....	1,493 20
Receipts from legacies.....	2,834 14
Receipts from income of funds.....	3,012 41
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$13,520 14</b>

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY CONFERENCES.

	Contributed.	Expended.
Aroostook Conference.....	\$121 37	\$1,969 34
Cumberland Conference.....	1,775 56	578 00
Cumberland North Conference.....	913 73	841 67
Franklin Conference.....	218 50	786 00
Hancock Conference.....	405 37	904 42
Kennebec Conference.....	509 98	1,160 40
Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.....	816 88	550 00
Oxford Conference.....	134 91	438 50
Penobscot Conference.....	795 76	832 00
Piscataquis Conference.....	158 12	466 00
Somerset Conference.....	208 46	586 00
Union Conference.....	255 84	663 33
Waldo Conference.....	172 91	464 00
Washington Conference.....	371 46	946 63
York Conference.....	724 52	1,037 83
General Conference and six individuals.....	119 42	
	<b>\$7,702 79</b>	<b>\$12,224 12</b>
Churches and individuals gave.....	\$6,180 39	
Woman's Auxiliary gave.....	1,493 20	
Add for expenses of Auxiliary.....	29 20	
	<b>\$7,702 79</b>	

During the year, the Maine Missionary Society and the churches and individuals of Maine, have sent directly to the New York Treasury.....\$2,007 91

It is a pleasant thing to be able to report again that there is no immediate financial pressure. Though some \$2,000 more has been paid for a corresponding increase in amount of missionary labor in the field, all the demands have been honored at sight.

But we are admonished, by the footing of returns from churches and friends, that it will not do to rest in too much assurance that a day of need will not come again, at least in the near future. Scan the figures of the present report, and it can be seen how our status might have been very different, and quite discouraging. The legacies are always an uncertain quantity, and incomes are liable to reduction. Had the income from the general fund been sufficient only to reduce the expenses, and the legacies small, and the balance in the treasury nothing, what would be our condition to-day? With \$12,224 expended in appropriations, and \$7,673 received from the churches for use, there must have been a debt of \$4,550. Friends, the work is increasing upon our hands, and it will increase more and more, being limited only in *means and men* to push it along; and we say, and you say, *let it increase!* Have no fear that too much may be placed at the disposal of this long trusted Society. It will not be safe for the churches to reckon as to the probabilities of missionary appropriations, and then apportion their contributions accordingly. Pass the boxes, and leave all to give as if under the most pressing necessity. We want to say this, however; we have learned to trust the churches, since they have always responded cheerfully when the need has been made known. So the full work of the year would have been the same probably, even at the risk of reporting a deficiency. But we pray to be saved this trying duty. It should never be necessary again, in this thriving commonwealth.

### MISSIONARY BOXES.

This list is given by Mrs. Gould, President of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

State Street, Portland,	1 box	valued.....	\$ 96 00
“ “ “	1 “	“ .....	80 25
“ “ “	1 “	“ .....	80 00
High Street, “	1 “	“ .....	70 00
Second Church “	1 “	“ .....	125 00

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Winthrop Church	1 box	valued .....	53 60
Elliot Church,	1 "	" .....	50 00
Central, Bangor,	1 "	" .....	25 00
" "	1 "	" .....	25 00
Hammond Street, Bangor,	1 "	" .....	32 90
Thomaston Church,	1 "	" .....	15 00
Foxcroft and Dover,	1 "	" .....	8 00
Central, Bath,	1 "	" .....	12 00

So. Paris worked for the Maine General Hospital.

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Augusta and Cumberland Mills, and Woodford's also, have sent	\$681 75
boxes to the A. H. M. S., to the amount of.....	\$203 15

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

June, 1883, balance on hand.....	\$20 55
September, 1883, received from Camden S. S.....	17 00
March, 1884, received from Gorham S. S.....	26 56
April, 1884, received from Camden S. S.....	10 00

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	\$74 11
Distributed in papers, books and lesson helps.....	42 40

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\$31 71

The balance will be distributed at once as students shall make known the need.

## FROM THE FIELDS.

Instead of the notes usually following the comparative tables, it is deemed better to incorporate what may be of special interest in the body of the report. It can be understood, then, that the fields not mentioned, are moving on quietly in their regular work, and are enjoying the ordinary prosperity.

The little band at North Anson are sufficiently hopeful to push on their church building. Under the lead of Rev. John Dinsmore, they have been encouraged to go forward, and they hope to complete the house next year.

Since the death of their pastor, and on account of depletion by death and removals, the people of West Auburn feel that it will be impossible to sustain constant preaching, and they will unite with some neighboring church for part time supply.

Buxton North, which has been united with Buxton Center for some years, seemed to be left unsupplied. The Free Baptist friends united with this church upon Rev. E. S. Palmer, for one year. This is an example worthy to be followed in other places, and should be encouraged in such a way as to secure reciprocity in interchange of pastors. It opens one door to the solving of the problem as regards the scarcity of men.

The people of Cherryfield felt the loss of their pastor, Mr. Cousins, at the first, and were somewhat discouraged, but Mr. Wallbridge has supplied them part of the time most acceptably, and now they are determined to finish their chapel, and to look for better things.

It is gratifying to know the devotion of the little church at Dexter. A few years ago it found itself embarrassed by a heavy debt upon its new meeting-house. The debt was assumed by three or four individuals, who gave their personal notes for about \$1500. This has been reduced now to about \$1200. The interest was paid from year to year, while the pulpit was continually supplied. Now the proposition and arrangement is to have no supply for the next year, but to allow the full subscription for lessening the debt. The individuals bearing the obligations are not able to do this, and should be relieved. Although they have worshiped in their house since it was finished, they are determined not to dedicate until the debt is paid. We believe that such persistency is worthy of sympathy, and of substantial assistance.

It is well for the churches that are aided, to take part in the benevolences of the times. The Edgecomb church is an example worthy of mention in this direction. It is with some sacrifice that \$200 can be secured for the support of preaching; but they record \$27.10 for the M. M. S., and \$67.36 for other objects, divided with Foreign Missions, the Freedmen, sufferers by floods, and the New Morning Star. They have done well.

Ellsworth Falls is a new point of interest. This is a thriving community some two miles from the city. A commodious hall over their school building has been furnished and well arranged for an audience room. Here the people meet for all their religious services. The church is organized on the union basis. Here light breaks in upon two points: how such communities can secure comfortable places for worship and how they can hold together as one. This people say, secure a common hall, and unite in the support of one minister.

Freedom has dared to try a pastor for a full year. \$400 has been subscribed by the people, and it is breathed that a good sister puts

lown \$100 of this. With \$200 from this Society, and their parsonage, they secure Mr. Jones, of the late graduating class at Bangor.

The church at Gray has been blessed by a refreshing religious interest. Christians of all names have been quickened and subdued and made to rejoice. Twenty conversions are reported and the work is still in progress. The pastor explains the small amounts for benevolent contributions, in the fact that more than \$500 has been expended for repairs upon the meeting-house and parsonage.

The Hiram church has been strengthened by ten additions, but has lost its pastor. Mr. Crowell will now give all his time to the Cornish people.

Since Mr. Snow left Houlton to assume his new duties in the schools of Biddeford, Mr. Haynes has supplied. We are still confident that better days are before this little church in so important a place. In temporals, all seems thriving and promising there; but spiritual forces do not bear sway at the present.

For sometime previous to last year, matters had not been very satisfactory at Limerick; but while Mr. Conrad supplied, there came to be a good degree of harmony. The services were well sustained and a debt of some \$500 upon the parsonage was cancelled. At the present, Mr. Wight, of Yale Seminary, is supplying, with the prospect that he may remain as pastor.

After a ministry of thirty-three years to the same people, Rev. T. G. Mitchell has closed his labors at Madison. It is a pleasant incident, and it must have been gratifying to the retiring pastor, that he received five by profession, and two by letter, to the membership of the church, just upon the eve of his closing so long and so acceptable a pastorate. Madison is a growing and promising field just at the present. New manufactories are starting and the water power is quite unlimited and will yet be largely utilized. It may be brought about that this place can be united with North Anson in the support of preaching.

The Monmouth church mourns the loss of their senior deacon and his excellent wife, by the hand of death. They were leaders in all that pertained to the welfare of the church and the community, so that many asked, "Who will fill their places?" Yet all goes on vigorously. A pastor is sustained with little aid from the Missionary Society. The people have arranged to build a vestry room in connection with their house of worship, and they have in mind also, a parsonage upon the same lot.

There has been gradual progress at Phillips for the last two years, and the faithful are worthy of assistance. There are difficulties in working this field for reasons which cannot well be explained here. The union with Madrid gives little relief in salary, but some hear the gospel who would otherwise be deprived.

Presque Isle has experienced prosperity and adversity. Mr. Christie has now been with them for a year, and can report success. Eleven additions to a little Aroostook church means fifty per cent. increase. The house of worship is in excellent condition, the audiences are good. the Sunday school and prayer-meeting are well attended and all seems hopeful. There is great need of a parsonage. In such a new and thriving place rents are scarce and expensive; and more, the minister should be at rest concerning his home. The late fire almost entirely destroyed the business part of the town, but these buildings will soon be replaced by others better and more convenient. Mr. Christie is expected to remain another year.

We must say "*well done*" to the Sherman church. After years in bearing a mortgage of \$500 upon their parsonage, it has virtually been lifted and they are a happy people. Now they have a meeting-house in good repair and preservation, with bell and organ, a parsonage all their own, and a pastor they love and respect.

Standish has been the arena of an unfortunate struggle, the merits of which it is not proper to discuss here. Notwithstanding, there has been apparent success. Twenty conversions and eleven additions, mostly on profession of faith, are reported. At Sebago Lake station, an afternoon audience has been gathered and the people are building a meeting-house. This promises a union with Standish for future supply, and the combined field will be strong and self-supporting.

We have a good report for Mt. Desert. South West Harbor is the only church upon the island now directly needing missionary aid. One year ago in May, a church was formed at Bar Harbor, under the labors of Mr. McGown, as a general missionary. Now it is self-supporting, and holds Mr. McGown as pastor, and the expectation is to secure a parsonage home before many months.

Nehemiah Kittridge, Esq., of Bangor, a native of Somesville, very thoughtfully and generously has placed in the treasury of the M. M. Society in trust, \$5,000 in six per cent. city bonds, the interest of which is to be paid for preaching there when the people have paid an equal amount. If, during any year, they do not raise and pay the full amount,

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he balance of interest goes to the A. H. M. Society. Rev. J. E. Swallow is now the acting pastor, engaged as such in virtue of this aid, and he has already received the first amount from the coupons. Is not his conditional form of leaving funds to churches a wise arrangement : and may not the suggestion be followed by friends who wish to aid, but fear to injure, by their unconditional gifts? This leaves S. W. Harbor alone ; but there is enough of territory for any one man. Rev. A. N. Jones, who was the only Congregational pastor upon the island three years ago, on account of precarious health, does not feel adequate to the labor of even the one place, and Rev. A. Redlon will supply for the coming year. A new house of worship is in process of erection, and will soon be ready for use.

Interesting reports come from Union and West Minot, but as they are referred to in a paper for the Auxiliary meeting, they are omitted.

The Adams Memorial church at Vassalboro, has built and dedicated the Adams Memorial chapel, and it is practically free from debt. This, and Riverside church, should be carried by one pastor, but circumstances are decidedly against the natural union at the present. We trust this will regulate itself in time.

The pastor at Wilton and Temple writes : "The church at Wilton has been hard at work during the year, upon a vestry. Mrs. Bass left us four hundred dollars for the purpose, and it was her dying wish that we should build one. We have been aided by friends, and this with what we could do ourselves, has secured the erection of a very pretty and serviceable vestry room adjoining the church, with a kitchen in the rear. The cost, with furnishing complete, is \$750, and all is paid excepting about twenty-five dollars. The church in Temple just about holds its own. For a year to come, it ought to have a man on the ground. The seed has been sown faithfully, I think ; but I am not situated to reap the harvest to best advantage. It will be four years come Dec. 1st, since I took the double field, and I do not propose to undertake the work for a longer time."

There are several places where no churches exist, which are worthy of note, as Canaan, in Somerset county, which presents a problem in home missionary work. The field has become more hopeful of late, Mayfield and Brighton also, was supplied last summer, and still offers a field for some one who is willing to work under difficulties. Milford is still encouraging. The people are now pressing the building of their chapel, which will be the foundation for a more thorough organization.

There may yet be something more distinctive for Millbridge, and for several other stations.

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### GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.

Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, of Auburn, did a very excellent work in Oxford county, where he labored somewhat the previous year. He reached the following towns and plantations, viz.: Grafton, Byron. Upton, Roxbury, Mexico, Dixfield, Hartford, Woodstock, Peru, Franklin, Riley and Milton. Mr. H. says: "Some of these were canvassed thoroughly, others partially, my aim being to reach only the non-church going people. Eight Sunday schools were organized. Eighty-one Bibles and Testaments were distributed by sale and by gift. About 500 papers and tracts, mostly from the American Tract Society, were distributed by donation. During two and one-half months, twenty-eight public services were held, and about 300 families were visited at their homes.

This mission field comprises thirteen towns, and there are in this field more than 1,200 families which do not attend church regularly. They are essentially non-church going people in this region, nearly 6,000 of them. The way to reach the masses is "*to carry the gospel to them.*" The health of Mr. Hutchinson not being sufficient for such exposure, Mr. Thomas, a late graduate from Bangor Seminary, has been engaged for the season, and he is now on the ground. The expense of this work is divided between the Oxford Conference and this Society.

In November last, at the earnest request of the Washington Conference, or individuals thereof, arrangements were made with Rev. E. L. Walbridge to take the oversight of the smaller churches of that Conference, and especially those in the western part of the county. Mr. Walbridge reports thus: "In regard to my six months of general missionary work, I think the present outlook of the fields is encouraging, and proves the wisdom of the course pursued by the Society. I believe the work should be continued. Of course we cannot judge altogether from results seen, although they have been encouraging. The manifest quickening of the churches, the advance made in Sunday schools, the increase of attendance upon divine service, and the fresh courage given, are all indicative of better things if this work can be pushed."

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Mr. W. has divided his time with the churches at Machiasport, Whitneyville, Jonesboro, Jonesport and Cherryfield. He has given attention also to Millbridge and Steuben, and other points as opportunity permitted. The work at Jonesport has been especially blessed, and the church has had valuable additions which will add greatly to its strength and efficiency. The Sunday school now numbers 106, having had a constant increase from the beginning. Mr. W. says: "One thing has impressed me much, and that is the large number of *children* in these towns." He says also, "The church at Cherryfield is in a good spiritual state, and the people are in earnest in regard to the completion of their chapel, which will be done this autumn. This church and Jonesport need pastors." Six and one-half months of work has been done at a cost of \$229.50 to the Society; the people paid \$323.50. One of the pastors of Washington Conference, sends greeting: "I need not write you of the great success of Bro. W. as county missionary. Our Conference appointed me as a committee to urge the need of such a missionary, but you had already appointed Mr. W., so I had nothing to do. I write now to ask what can be done for us the coming year? Do we not need two Walbridges, one to take Jonesport, Millbridge, Cherryfield and Steuben, and one for the churches on the Eastern border, Perry, Pembroke and Robbinston? I, for one, hope the labors of Bro. Walbridge will be secured."

Is it not suggestive as to the future policy of this Society in this direction, that every movement which has been made during these last seven years, has been crowned with marked success, and has met the approbation of all who have been cognizant of the work performed? But the great difficulty is to find those who are peculiarly adapted to this special labor, and are willing to take the position. We must watch the leadings of providence in this direction.

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### PARSONAGES.

It is quite as necessary to have a permanent home for the pastor, as to have a meeting-house for the services. A well equipped church has the meeting-house, the chapel or vestry, and the parsonage in near proximity if possible. Others are seeing the almost absolute necessity of this outfit, and are bending their energies in this direction. The church and the rectory are found side by side; the cathedral and the bishop's residence are joined; our Methodist friends are not only building homes,

but are furnishing them in the main, that there may be less expense in the changes. And this is the part of wisdom. Whatever may be decided as to the best and most economical way in the city, at least in our villages and towns, it is becoming more and more a necessity to have a home set apart for the minister. In many places it is impossible to rent a suitable house. There is always the feeling of insecurity, and the fear of sudden change, and it subjects either the parish to pay more salary, or the minister to pay rent from a salary all too small for living purposes.

In the newer and thriving towns, where, too, the churches are small and struggling, a *good home* for the *minister* becomes a strong inducement to his engaging with them. For instance, in the Aroostook, all the churches are new and small, and living by means of missionary aid. Moreover, the rentals are few and equal in price to city rents and extremely uncertain as to tenure. Only one Congregational church in the county has a parsonage, that at Sherman; and but for this home Sherman would be left unsupplied. There should be parsonages at Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Houlton and Patten. They are as necessary to the successful working of these places as are the meeting-houses, all of which are now free from debt and in excellent condition. Nor do we plead for these alone, but for other churches in the various parts of the State. The pastor at Bar Harbor refers to the lack of a suitable rental as one of the things that has stood in the way of anything permanent there. He says: "It is very hard to get any kind of decent rent in the summer, and you know one is apt to become homesick when he finds himself with a family, and "not having where to lay his head." The people have been bestirring themselves, and have secured a house which is in every way desirable. They have rented it for a little season, with a view of buying it for a parsonage. It seems that with a good parsonage for the minister to live in, we shall have made a good advance toward permanency, and that it will not be so hard to find a good minister in subsequent years."

The report from Somesville says: "The one thing needed now is a home for the minister." And from Treemont the plea is, "After the new meeting-house so long needed, is finished, one thing more is very much needed, and that is a good parsonage. No decent place can be rented unless at a distance that would put the pastor at arms length from his people." A large part of the missionary churches are in much the same difficulty.

Within a few years the Congregational Union has added a parsonage fund to the church-building fund, and the plea for the one goes forth with the other. Now we cannot hope to draw very largely upon this most excellent Society for either purpose; and sometimes the delay in grants may become quite inconvenient. Might there not be created a small parsonage fund in connection with the Maine Missionary Society? A few thousand dollars to be loaned on easy terms, in amount not to exceed a few hundred dollars in any given case, to pay the last bills upon a house, and to be returned in regular installments, could be easily managed. We believe such a fund would be a stimulus to home effort, and would result in securing many comfortable and convenient parsonages. Who will start this enterprise with the first \$1,000?

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#### UNITING CHURCHES.

We most heartily agree in spirit with a resolution passed (or introduced) at one of the County Conferences, viz.: "That we recommend and earnestly suggest, that two weak churches of our order, in the same town or vicinage unite for support of a minister." This is most happily done in several cases now, and the circle of such reunions may be increased. But often it demands an amount of toil and exposure, which breaks even strong men, and compels them to retire to one part of the field, or to abandon the whole. More than this, some of these double fields cannot be worked to advantage, and either part afford sufficient opportunity for the best endeavors of any man. It is still true that "what is gained in *velocity* is lost in *power*." So here, what is gained in one direction is lost in another. Then the question must always come up, *what is best, all things considered?* The subject is worthy of discussion, but it will be found that there are two sides, when all is fairly presented.

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#### MORE MEN NEEDED.

The scarcity of well equipped men is the great drawback in the home missionary work. It is becoming an alarming matter for us in Maine, especially in so far as our country towns are concerned.

First, we might plead for a few such men as father Jotham Sewall, who, with the true apostolic spirit, would go forth anywhere, from west to east, from south to north, and preach the gospel as they could

find a hundred in a schoolhouse, or a score in a kitchen, or two in the field.

Then we might seek out one at least, well skilled in the word, scholar and saint, a judicious teacher, to be an evangelist in the best sense of the term—a Nettleton, or a Kirk or a Finney.

But leaving these out of the account, we *must* seek men to fill the pastor's place. The life of the churches hangs on this. From all parts of the State the cry comes, "Send us a good man for pastor"—"a man to be with us, and to do effective work out of the pulpit"—"a man who has the good sense to approach all classes, no matter what their prejudices". Four such calls came from the east quite together. One says: "We want a man of piety, a man whose heart is in his work; one who desires to win souls and is willing to labor and give his time to the work." Another writes: "The *ladies* and others, members of our church, desire preaching for the year, or constant supply. Can you name to us the man?" And so of the others. What is the result? One has been supplied—but the man comes from another denomination—two permit students to be sent as better than to be entirely destitute, and the half of one field tardily receives the student, while the other half says, "no student for us." In the western part of the State, several sought pastors, as absolutely necessary for the prosperity of the churches, but have received students as next best, and temporarily a relief.

We could name sixteen churches or unions quite ready to receive pastors, could they be found; but there is not a man now left as a candidate for such fields, to be had from all our New England Seminaries—not one that we know. *Six* students take *six* of these fields, and it is quite undecided as to the others.

Now where are these pastors to be found? *Maine must look to Bangor.* But where are the men for Bangor? Equipped as she is for large work, the numbers are alarmingly small. How comes it so?

The class of 1880 numbered ten; two of these were Maine men, and three only of the ten are now in Maine. The class of 1881 numbered ten; four were Maine men, and three of this class only can be found in the Congregational churches of Maine. The class of 1882 had eight members; three were Maine men, and two only of the eight are in Maine. The class of 1883 graduated six; one was a Maine man, and two of the six are over Congregational churches to-day. The class of 1884 graduated four men; two are Maine men, and the four begin their

work in the State. Had the number been sixteen, every man could be placed in this State.

Think of it—two and one-half men as an average from 247 Congregational churches, and their 21,000 members; two and a half men each year for their Theological Seminary! This is not three graduates a year, on an average, to supply the waste and change of all these churches, at least, of one hundred missionary churches, sixteen of which desire and need and ought to have pastors to-day.

What can be done? What *needs* to be done? Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard. Let the fathers encourage their sons to enter this noblest of all professions. Let the mothers inspire their sons from earliest childhood, with a love for the minister's work. Let the children be pointed to the gospel ministry as the best place in life, the most satisfactory at death, the one furnishing the richest treasures for eternity. For the present emergency, let some of our best teachers, and law and medical students, and business men, christians of course, be led to see that, unwittingly perhaps, they have mistaken their true calling, and that the Lord has need of them in the ministry of his word. Is there not one such man in each of our Conferences, who is already qualified in education, and marked as adapted to the ministry? It is said, "A few strong men can find strong churches, and scope for large growth!" Rather this is true—many *strong men* can make many *strong churches*. Every church and community calls for the very best powers in a man, and he *will* make his people like himself.

No man need fear that he will waste his powers any where, if he go forth in the spirit of the Master, and work for the salvation and elevation of his fellow men.

This doctrine must be urged more and more in our churches and families and schools and marts of business. Let all pray for more students, for more *Maine* students for Bangor Seminary. That means, more ministers for the missionary churches of Maine. And it means also, ministers for the west, and for China and Japan.

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#### THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Is still doing its noble work. No year has witnessed more vigour forth putting than that just closed. It is enough to stir the blood of christian heart, to learn what secretaries and superintendents and



sionaries are planning and doing to stay the tide of evil which is setting in upon our land, and to forward rich freights of blessing to the New West and the New South. We only wish it were in our power to add thousands of dollars to the treasury of the National Society. But for the present we must be content to send from our missionary churches, christian men and women in every direction, and to continue our prayers that God will bless the work of the American Home Missionary Society.

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS, *Secretary.*



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## TREASURER'S

*JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer, in account*

~~Jan.~~  
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~~1884.~~

~~Jan.~~ 13.—For balance on hand as per account rendered this date...\$237 97

June 13.—Receipts for year ending this date, viz.:

Contributions from churches and individuals, .....	\$6,180 39
Amount received from the Treasurer of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.....	1,493 30
Legacies.....	2,834 14
From Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y, amount received by him for preaching.....	21 00
Income on invested funds.....	3,012 41
Notes matured and paid.....	1,800 00
Withdrawn from Bangor Savings Bank.....	1,000 00

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\$16,579 11

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer.

Bangor, June 13, 1884.

## REPORT.

*with MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*

1884.

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June 13 —By amount paid on Trustees' orders, viz.:

To Missionaries in full to June 1, 1884.....	\$12,224 12
Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, annual salary.....	1,500 00
Same for postage, stationery, traveling and other incidental expenses, as per his account rendered.....	255 57
John L. Crosby, Treasurer, annual salary.....	300 00
Same for postage, legal advice, and other incidental expenses.....	59 32
B. A. Burr, Bangor, for printing Annual Reports, with Minutes of General Conference.....	94 00
John H. Bacon, Bangor, sundry printing.....	47 60
Christian Mirror, for publishing acknowledgements of receipts (two years).....	92 63
D. Bugbee & Co., Bangor, blank books, &c.....	12 40
G. W. Merrill & Co., Bangor, desk for Secretary.....	75 00
Annuities on funds held in trust by Society, as follows:	
Church in Albany, Me., (18 months).....	37 50
“ in Jackson and Brooks, 12 months.....	30 00
“ in Somesville, 6 months.....	150 00
Mrs. N. S. Bourne, Winthrop, from Sewall fund.....	208 00
Amount remitted to American Home Missionary Society New York, in accordance with vote of Society.....	1,000 00
Gifts forwarded through the Treasurer, from Williston church, Portland, to churches in Wilton, Milford and New Vineyard.....	60 00
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	\$16,146 14
Balance at 2d Nat'l Bank, Bangor.....	432 97
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	\$16,579 11

BANGOR, June 13, 1884.

Having examined the foregoing account of John L. Crosby, Treasurer, from June 13, 1883, to this date, we find it correctly stated and properly vouched.

W. S. DENNETT, }  
B. B. THATCHER, } AUDITORS.

*The following list comprises the Securities held by the Maine Missionary Society, June 13, 1884.*

**BONDS.**

City of Bath,.....	2,500 00
Rockland,.....	500 00
Portland,.....	1,000 00
Bangor,.....	5,000 00
Belfast, .....	5,000 00
St. Louis,.....	1,000 00
Portland and Rochester R. R. Co.,.....	700 00
Portland and Ogdensburg R. R. Co.,.....	2,000 00
Androscoggin and Kennebec R. R. Co.,.....	1,200 00

**STOCKS.**

Portland, Saco and Portsmouth R. R. Co.,.....	400 00
Boston and Maine R. R. Co.,.....	1,100 00
Lewiston Falls, Mfg., Co., (in liquidation).....	700 00

**NATIONAL BANK STOCKS**

Casco Bank, Portland,.....	3,400 00
Canal " " .....	5,200 00
First " " .....	2,000 00
Traders " " .....	2,000 00
Cumberland Bank, Portland, 27 shares at \$40 ....	1,080 00
State " Boston,.....	600 00
Merchants " " .....	1,000 00
Medomak " Waldoboro,.....	200 00
Ocean " Kennebunk,.....	200 00
Manufacturer's Bank, Lewiston,.....	200 00
First " Skowhegan,.....	100 00
Norridgewock Falls Bridge Co., 4 shares,....	100 00

**SECURED NOTES.**

D. W. Clark & Co., Portland,.....	4,000 00
Chas. H. Bean, Bangor,.....	600 00
Deposit at Bangor Savings Bank,.....	2,500 00
" " Penobscot " " .....	1,500 00

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\$45,780 00

**RECAPITULATION.**

Municipal Bonds,.....	\$15,000 00
Railroad " .....	3,900 00
" Stocks,.....	1,500 00
National Bank Stocks,.....	15,980 00
Manufacturing " .....	700 00
Bridge " .....	100 00
Notes secured by Mortgage,.....	4,600 00
Deposits in Savings Banks,.....	4,000 00

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\$45,780 00

BANGOR, June 13, 1884

We have examined the securities described on this page, and find them as stated.

W. S. DENNETT, }  
B. B. THATCHER, } AUDITORS.

*These investments are included amounts holden by the Society, in trust as follows:*

the Church in Somesville, Mt. Desert,.....	
“N. Kittredge Fund”) in Belfast Bonds,....	\$5,000 00
Church in Albany,.....	500 00
“ “ Jackson and Brooks,.....	500 00
Mrs. N. S. Bourne, Winthrop, a life interest in the “Sewall	} 2,800 00
Fund” in Bank and R. R. Stocks, and Municipal bonds.....	
In all.....	\$8,800 00

ving as the sum from which income is at present available for  
the purposes of the Society, say..... \$33,980 00  
which the bonds of the Portland and Rochester R. R. Co., (\$700) have  
paid interest for several years, and the Stock of the Lewiston Falls  
Co., (\$700) is of small value, the Company being in process of liquid-  
n. By examination of the foregoing statements it will be seen that the  
ual expense for salaries and incidental charges, are now met by the net  
ome derived from invested funds; so that the friends of the Society may  
assured, that their contributions to the treasury are directly applicable  
he work of preaching the gospel.  
is a source of congratulation that the amount expended during the  
t year for this work, exceeds that of the previous year by \$2000, indicat-  
a wise enlargement of plans with increased ability.

JOHN L. CROSBY,  
Treasurer.

N. B.) I am not aware that the Society is indebted to any one for a  
gle dollar.

# RECEIPTS OF MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

From June 13, 1883, to June 13, 1884.

## Contributions from Churches and Individuals.

Acton .....	\$26 75	Dedham .....	5 00
Albany .....	11 07	Deer Isle .....	17 00
Alfred .....	117 25	Denmark .....	3 50
Amherst and Aurora ..	5 00	Dennysville .....	36 92
Anson .....	12 00	Dexter .....	1 00
Aroostook Conference..	18 24	Dover and Foxcroft...	24 62
Auburn, High St. ....	252 68	Durham .....	5 00
Augusta, South Church,	213 00	East Madison .....	2 00
Bangor, First Church..	80 28	East Machias .....	16 00
Hammond St. ....	175 00	East Otisfield .....	6 00
Central .....	179 00	Elliot .....	23 50
Central District S. S.,	20 00	Ellsworth .....	126 70
Bar Harbor .....	35 00	Falmouth .....	27 76
Bath, Winter St. ....	367 29	Farmington Falls....	7 00
Central .....	86 80	Farmington .....	130 00
Belfast, First Church..	42 29	Fort Fairfield .....	8 00
Benton .....	4 25	Freedom .....	10 00
Bethel, First Church ..	11 66	Freeport .....	32 00
Second Church .....	10 00	Fryeburg .....	40 75
Biddeford Pavilion Ch.	15 00	Gardiner .....	30 45
Bingham .....	11 50	Garland .....	14 00
Blanchard S. S. ....	11 25	Gorham .....	125 53
Bluehill .....	6 00	Gray .....	29 00
Boothbay, Second .....	44 50	Hallowell .....	20 00
Brewer, First .....	67 10	Harrison .....	13 00
Brighton .....	10 00	Hiram .....	6 00
Brooksville .....	5 00	Holden .....	1 15
Brownfield .....	15 00	Hollis .....	2 00
Brownville .....	11 00	Houlton .....	9 00
Brunswick, First .....	123 22	Isle au Haut .....	47 66
Bucksport, Elm St. ....	134 01	Island Falls .....	8 50
Buxton, North .....	20 00	Jackson and Brooks....	10 00
Calais, First .....	94 00	Kennebunk, Union Ch.,	64 89
Camden .....	10 00	Ligonia .....	20 00
Canaan .....	8 37	Lisbon .....	3 00
Cape Elizabeth .....	2 30	Litchfield Corner....	23 00
Castine .....	18 00	Lyman .....	7 53
Chicago, Illinois .....	5 00	Machias .....	16 03
Cornish .....	8 50	Madison .....	27 00
Cumberland Center .....	33 00	Marshfield .....	5 00
Cumberland Mills .....	74 52	Mayfield .....	7 00

Milford.....	4 00	Skowhegan.....	45 00
Milltown.....	20 00	Sherman Mills.....	6 16
Minot.....	16 00	South Berwick.....	201 50
Monmouth.....	9 60	South Bridgton.....	40 00
Monson.....	10 00	South Paris.....	17 00
New Castle.....	70 00	Standish.....	16 00
New Gloucester.....	96 95	St. Albans.....	4 00
Norridgewock .....	42 21	State Conference.....	50 42
North Anson.....	12 00	Steuben.....	5 00
North Bridgton.....	10 00	Strong.....	4 50
North East Harbor....	3 00	Suffield, Conn.....	1 00
North Edgecomb.....	27 10	Summer.....	6 75
North Monmouth.....	2 00	Sweden.....	11 00
North New Portland...	4 53	Thomaston.....	13 00
Nugata, Japan.....	15 00	Turner.....	9 00
Oldtown.....	20 00	Union.....	7 00
Orono.....	15 00	Union Conference....	25 00
Oxford.....	6 00	Waldo Conference....	6 49
Oxford Conference....	10 00	Waterford.....	22 00
Patten.....	4 89	Warren.....	20 00
Paris, Ontario.....	20 00	Weld.....	3 00
Perry.....	7 14	Wells, First.....	15 00
Phippsburg.....	10 65	Second.....	20 00
Portland, Williston Ch.	160 00	B. Maxwell.....	20 00
West Ch.....	17 50	West Auburn.....	20 00
High St.....	270 87	West Brooksville....	8 00
St Lawrence St.....	20 82	West Harpswell.....	9 30
Second.....	191 42	Williamstown, Mass...	7 00
Plymouth.....	52 00	Wilton.....	4 00
State St.....	445 00	Winterport.....	5 00
Fourth.....	10 00	Windham.....	15 00
A friend.....	10 00	Winslow.....	9 50
Pownal.....	9 56	Winthrop.....	96 65
Presque Isle.....	7 00	Woodford's.....	51 14
Princeton.....	30 00	Woolwich.....	12 00
Rockland.....	13 50	Worcester, Mass.....	20 00
Rumford.....	7 50	Yarmouth, Central....	47 00
Saco.....	18 60	First.....	66 26
Sandy Point.....	8 43	York.....	42 00
Sanford.....	4 00	York Conference.....	34 50
Scarboro'.....	20 00		
Searsport Second....	16 57		

\$6,180 39

Foman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, amount received from Rose  
M. Crosby, Treasurer..... \$1,493 20  
. E. Adams, Secretary, received for preaching..... 21 00

**Legacies.**

Augusta, John Dorr .....	\$100 00
Bath, J. A. Hyde .....	50 00
Biddeford Pool, Daniel Holman .....	1,000 00
Hallowell, (add'l) Mrs. Margaret Fifield .....	178 14
Portland, Miss Sarah Jewett .....	200 00
Washington Long .....	500 00
Saco, Mrs. Dorcas O. Sawyer .....	500 00
Wells, (annual) Mrs. L. W. Maxwell .....	6 00
York, Mrs. Emeline Parsons .....	300 00

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\$2,834 14

**Income on Invested Funds.****Coupons on Bonds, viz.:**

City of Bangor .....	\$300 00
“ Portland .....	60 00
“ Bath .....	150 00
“ Rockland .....	30 00
“ Belfast .....	150 00
“ St. Louis .....	60 00

Androscoggin and Kennebec R. R. Co. ....	72 00
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Interest received on Loans .....	314 15
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Dividends on deposit in Savings Bank .....	186 93
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“ Boston and Maine R. R. Stock .....	88 00
“ Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Co. ....	22 00
“ Pepperell M'f'g Co. ....	64 00
“ First National Bank, Portland .....	140 93
“ Cumberland “ “ .....	86 40
“ Canal “ “ .....	520 00
“ Casco “ “ .....	340 00
“ Traders' “ “ .....	160 00
“ Manufacturers' “ Lewiston .....	14 00
“ Medomak “ Waldoboro .....	16 00
“ Ocean “ Kennebunk .....	12 00
“ First National “ Skowhegan .....	8 00
“ Merchants' “ Boston .....	60 00
“ State “ “ .....	26 00

Coupon on Portland and Ogdensburg R. R. Co. ....	120 00
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\$3,012 41



## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Caribou.....	\$0 00	Presque Isle.....	13 20
Carroll and Springfield....	0 00	Sherman.....	9 16
Fort Fairfield.....	10 05	Conference.....	18 24
Houlton.....	16 00	Letter B.....	1 58
Island Falls.....	18 18	Golden Ridge.....	4 00
Lee.....	0 00		
Passadumkeag.....	0 00		
Patten.....	30 96		<u>\$121 37</u>

### CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Baldwin.....	\$0 00	State St.....	595 00
Cape Elizabeth, First.....	9 30	St. Lawrence St.....	20 82
Cape Elizabeth, Ligonla...	20 00	West.....	20 00
Cumberland Mills.....	74 52	Williston.....	179 97
Deering, First.....	0 00	Saccarappa, Second.....	0 00
Woodford.....	78 10	Scarboro.....	20 00
Falmouth, First.....	27 76	Standish.....	16 00
Second.....	0 00	Windham.....	15 00
Gorham.....	125 55	Portland.....	10 00
Portland, Second.....	191 42	Plymouth.....	52 00
High St.....	310 12		
Fourth.....	10 00		<u>\$1,775 56</u>
Bethel.....	0 00		

### CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Auburn, High St.....	277 68	Minot Centre.....	25 50
Sixth St.....	10 00	West and Hebron.....	0 00
West.....	20 00	New Gloucester.....	117 30
Brunswick.....	156 33	North Yarmouth.....	4 75
Cumberland.....	33 00	Poland.....	0 00
Durham.....	5 00	Pownal.....	9 50
Freeport.....	62 86	Turner.....	22 75
South.....	5 00	Yarmouth, First.....	66 26
Gray.....	30 50	Central.....	47 00
Harpwell.....	9 30		
Lewiston.....	11 00		<u>\$913 73</u>
Mechanic Falls.....	0 00		

### FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington.....	177 00	Strong.....	10 00
Falls.....	7 00	Temple.....	0 00
Industry.....	0 00	Weld.....	10 50
New Sharon.....	0 00	Wilton.....	4 00
New Vineyard.....	0 00		
Phillips.....	10 00		<u>\$218 50</u>

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst, &c.,.....	5 00	Isle au Haut.....	47 66
Bar Harbor.....	35 00	Orland.....	0 00
Bluehill.....	6 00	Sedgwick and Brooksville..	5 00
Brooksville, West.....	8 00	Village.....	0 00
Bucksport.....	134 01	Somesville.....	0 00
Castine.....	18 00	Tremont.....	3 00
Deer Isle, First.....	17 00		
Second.....	0 00		\$405 37
Ellsworth.....	128 70		

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta.....	213 00	Richmond.....	0 00
Benton.....	14 10	Sidney.....	0 00
Clinton.....	0 00	Vassalboro, Riverside.....	50
Gardiner.....	20 45	Adams' Memorial.....	0 00
South.....	0 00	Waterville.....	15 78
Hallowell.....	86 00	Winslow.....	9 50
Litchfield.....	23 00	Winthrop.....	116 65
Monmouth.....	11 00		
Pittston.....	0 00		\$509 93

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Alna.....	0 00	Thomaston.....	23 00
Bath, Winter St.....	402 29	Topsham.....	0 00
Central.....	132 65	Union.....	15 00
Boothbay, First.....	0 00	Waldoboro, First.....	0 00
Second.....	44 50	Second.....	0 00
Bremen.....	0 00	Warren, Second.....	20 00
Bristol.....	6 00	Washington.....	0 00
Edgecomb.....	27 10	Woolwich.....	33 97
Lisbon.....	3 00	Cushing.....	1 00
New Castle, First.....	78 12	Wiscasset.....	0 00
Second.....	0 00		
Phippsburg.....	10 65		\$816 88
Rockland.....	20 50		

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Andover.....	5 00	Rumford.....	7 50
Bethel First.....	31 66	South Paris.....	33 00
Second.....	14 00	Sumner.....	6 75
Gilead.....	0 00	Upton.....	0 00
Norway, First.....	0 00	Conference.....	10 00
Second.....	21 00		
Oxford.....	6 00		\$134 01

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Bangor, First.....	102 21	Holden.....	1 15
Hammond St.....	212 65	Kenduskeag.....	0 00
Central.....	264 64	Lincoln.....	1 50
East.....	00 00	Oldtown.....	28 30
Central District.....	20 00	Orono.....	15 00
Brewer, First.....	101 10	Orrington, East.....	0 00
Village.....	13 21	Stillwater.....	0 00
Burlington.....	9 00	Veazie.....	0 00
Dedham.....	5 00	Milford.....	4 00
Dixmont and Plymouth..	0 00		
Hampden.....	18 00		\$735 76

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

.....	6 00	Greenville.....	7 25
on.....	0 00	Monson.....	10 00
ard.....	11 25	Sangerville..	0 00
ville.....	7 00	Brownville, Welsh.....	4 00
.....	1 00		
ft and Dover.....	76 62		\$158 12
d.....	35 00		

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

.....	12 00	Skowhegan.....	01 25
h.....	12 00	Solon.....	0 00
s.....	0 00	South.....	0 00
m.....	11 50	St. Albans....	4 00
n.....	27 00	Brighton.....	10 00
.....	2 60	Canaan....	8 37
.....	0 00	Mayfield.....	7 00
ortland, North... ..	4 53		
gewock.....	48 21		\$208 46

## UNION CONFERENCE.

.....	14 07	Lovell.....	0 00
on.....	17 20	Naples.....	0 00
l.....	20 00	Otisfield.....	6 00
l.....	40 00	Stow and Chatham.....	0 00
field.....	15 00	Sweden.....	11 00
.....	0 00	Waterford.....	22 00
rk.....	9 59	North....	0 00
rg.....	45 75	Conference December....	25 00
on.....	13 06		
.....	17 32		\$255 84

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

, First.....	42 29	Sandy Point....	8 43
l.....	0 00	Searsport, First.....	12 33
n.....	31 00	Second..	47 37
ort.....	0 00	Winterport.....	5 00
m.....	10 00	Conference.....	6 49
n and Brooks.....	10 00		
rt.....	0 00		\$172 91

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

.....	109 09	Northfield. ....	0 00
field....	0 00	Pembroke..	0 00
.....	0 00	Perry.....	7 14
ville.....	36 92	Princeton....	54 00
rt.....	18 00	Robbinston.....	0 00
achias.....	36 25	Topsfield.....	0 00
ort.....	0 00	Whiting.....	0 00
oro.....	0 00	Whitneyville.....	0 00
s.....	80 15	Steuben.....	5 00
sport.....	0 00		
ield....	5 00		\$371 40
m, N. B....	20 00		

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton.....	26 75	Lyman.....	7 53
Alfred.....	140 25	Newfield.....	0 00
Biddeford, First.....	0 00	Parsonsfield.....	0 00
Second.....	40 75	Saco.....	18 60
Pavilion.....	15 00	Sanford.....	4 00
Buxton, South.....	0 00	South.....	0 00
North.....	20 00	Shapleigh.....	0 00
Cornish.....	18 50	South Berwick.....	211 25
Elliot.....	23 50	Wells, First.....	35 00
Kennebunk Union.....	64 89	Second.....	20 00
Kennebunkport, First.....	0 00	York, First.....	42 00
Second.....	0 00	Second.....	0 00
Kittery.....	0 00	Conference.....	34 00
Lebanon.....	0 00	Hollis.....	2 00
Limerick.....	0 00		
Limington.....	0 00		<b>\$724 52</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. S. K. Baker, Paris, Ont.....	\$20 00
Rev. H. T. Cheever, Worcester, Mass.....	20 00
Rev. R. H. Davis, Nugata, Japan.....	15 00
Rev. Jotham Sewall, Williamstown, Mass.....	12 00
A "friend," Suffield, Conn.....	1 00
Collection, Gen. Conference.....	50 42
Secretary, Preaching.....	21 00
	<b>\$139 42</b>

The churches are credited for the amounts sent to the Treasurer as per his table of receipts, and to the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary. What has been received since the closing of accounts early in June, goes to the credit of next year. It looks badly to see eighty churches marked as contributing nothing for the year. Let it be otherwise next year.

## Receipts for Seventy-seven Years.

The whole amount of money coming into the treasury of this Society during the last seventy-seven years has been \$658,482.57.

First ten years	\$8,415 82	Annual average,	\$841 53
Second " "	21,746 79	" "	2,174 68
Third " "	56,088 13	" "	5,608 81
Fourth " "	70,735 06	" "	7,073 00
Fifth " "	120,612 36	" "	12,061 23
Sixth " "	118,548 60	" "	11,854 60
Seventh " "	151,013 50	" "	15,101 35
Seven years "	110,422 81	" "	15,774 68

**\$658,482 57**

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE**  
REVISED JUNE 17, 1884.

**ARTICLE 1.** This Conference shall be called the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

**ART. 2.** The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers and committee for the time for which they were chosen; the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

**ART. 3.** Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations of this body, though only members shall have the right to vote.

**ART. 4.** The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot annually, on the last day of the Conference, next preceding the one over which he is to preside.

**ART. 5.** There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

**ART. 6.** A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

**ART. 7.** The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

**ART. 8.** The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

**ART. 9.** The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

**ART. 10.** The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

**ART. 11.** At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

**ART. 12.** This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

**ART. 13.** Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

**ART. 14.** The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

**ART. 15.** The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

**ART. 16.** The Conference shall establish its own by laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

**ART. 17.** The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two-thirds of the members present.

## Rules of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

REVISED JUNE 23, 1870.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting, as provided in the Constitution;—or, in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who then shall conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequently, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, termination of debate, to lay upon the table, or yeas and nays:—and these motions, except that for amendment, shall not be debated.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Nominations consisting of six persons, so constituted that one-third of its members shall go out of office each year; and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference. The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—and the publishing committee shall prepare blank schedules, and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

11. A committee of one from each County Conference shall be chosen annually to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Such persons as have been selected by the several Conferences to represent them in said committee, shall first be reported. Vacancies to be filled by the nominating committee.

12. The Recording Secretary shall notify members appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

13. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be the credentials of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it shall be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

14. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

15. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.—they shall issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

16. The Publishing Committee shall make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference.

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ELIAS BOND, Hallowell Ch., Bangor Sem., 1840.....	Kohola (Hawaii) Sandwich Islands
ROYAL M. COLE, Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868.....	Erzroom, Eastern Turkey
R. HENRY DAVIS, Hiram, Bangor Sem., 1871.....	Kobe, Japan
JOSEPH K. GREENE, Lewiston Ch., Union Sem., N. Y., 1858.....	Constantinople, Turkey
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Bangor Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1863.....	Honolulu, (Oahu) Sandwich Islands
JOHN D. PARIS, Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1839.....	Kona (Hawaii) Sandwich Islands
JOHN E. PIERCE, Bangor, Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868.....	Nicomedia, Eastern Turkey
WILLIAM W. SLEEPER, Patten Ch., Andover Sem., 1882.....	Samakov, Bulgaria
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*Thirteenth Anniversary, June 16, 1886.*

#### Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

*Sixth Anniversary, June 16, 1886.*

#### Woman's Aid to Missionary Association.

*Sixth Anniversary, June 17, 1886.*



# MINUTES OF 1885.

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The fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Pine St. Congregational Church, Lewiston, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 16, at 9 o'clock.

The MODERATOR, Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Brunswick, called to order,—expressing the honor conferred upon him by his election, and his sympathy with the ministers and churches, and with their Christian work.

United in singing Hymn 628. (“Worship in Song.”)

“I love thy kingdom Lord.”

(Dennis.)

Rev. Alfred F. Skeele, of Augusta, read John 14 : 1—15, and led in prayer.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Moderator nominated as a Committee to receive the Credentials of Delegates and Members of Conference, and report the same,—Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Deer Isle ; Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Cornish, and Edward P. Packard, of Wilton.

They were chosen to that service.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. George M. Howe, of Lewiston, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, reported the printed programme, as their report for the order of the exercises of Conference,—which was accepted by the Conference, after a transfer of the time for the annual meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, and of the observance of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, to the afternoon of Tuesday.

The Recording Secretary announced the names of members of Committees,—and Delegates to other bodies who, if present, should be enrolled as members of Conference.

The Moderator read the Constitution and Rules of Conference.

Rev. C. H. Gates, for the Committee on Credentials, reported the names of Delegates from the several Conferences.

## DELEGATES.

### LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

#### AROOSTOOK.

Rev. George W. Christie, Presque Isle. Luther K. Cary, Fort Fairfield.

#### CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, Cumberland Mills, Hubbard H. Nevens, Woodfords.

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Scarboro. Ansel G. Dewey, Portland.

Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Portland. James B. Libby, Portland.

#### CUMBERLAND NORTH.

Rev. Charles A. White, Mechanic Falls. Dea. Stillman W. Shaw, Minot Center.

Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Auburn. Daniel L. Verrill, Auburn.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, Freeport. Samuel B. Soule, Yarmouth.

#### FRANKLIN.

Rev. Frederic Newport, Wilton. Edward P. Packard, Wilton.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, Farmington. Benjamin F. Watson, Farmington Falls.

#### MANCOCK.

Rev. Alfred J. McGown, Bar Harbor. Alfred F. Adams, Castine.

Rev. Amos Redlon, South West Harbor. Dea. Thomas G. Hale, Castine.

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Rev. William C. Curtis, Richmond. Dea. George F. Hawes, Augusta.

Rev. Thomas P. Williams, Winslow. J. Edwin Nye, Hallowell.

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#### PENOBSCOT.

Prof. Charles J. H. Ropes, Bangor. Dea. Samuel D. Thurston, Bangor.

Rev. Charles B. Wathen, Orono. Dea. William P. Hubbard, Bangor.

#### PISCATAQUIS.

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Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson.

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Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, Skowhegan.      Augustus R. Bixby, Skowhegan.  
 Rev. Thomas F. Millett, Bingham.      Warren F. Bacon, Skowhegan.

## UNION.

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 Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, North Bridgton. Franklin Shirley, Fryeburg.

## WALDO.

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## WASHINGTON.

Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville.      Rev. Everett L. Walbridge, Jonesport.  
 Rev. George E. Chapin, Princeton.      Dea. Peter E. Vose, Dennysville.

## YORK.

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 Rev. George A. Lockwood, Kennebunk.      Thomas Haley, Biddeford.  
 Rev. Zenas Crowell, Cornish.      Charles B. Brooks, Alfred.

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 Elnathan F. Duren, and Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor.

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 land; John Dinsmore, Brunswick; William P. Fisher, Brunswick; Arthur G. Fitz,  
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PREACHER.—Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg.

DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.—Rev. Charles E. Andrews,  
 Biddeford, to Maine Conference Methodist E. Church, at Biddeford, April 23, 1885;  
 Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth, to Maine Baptist Missionary Convention,

at Houlton, October 1884; Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn, to the Yearly Meeting of Friends, at Portland, June 10, 1885.

And by letter:—Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg, to the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

### REPRESENTATIVES.

**BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**—Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.; Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D.; Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, A. M., Bangor.

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE.**—Gen. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain; Rev. Samuel G. Brown, D. D. LL. D.; Prof. Charles H. Smith, A. M., Brunswick.

**HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.**—Professor Lawrence Rolfe, Principal.

### BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Edmund K. Alden, D. D., Boston, Secretary; Rev. Joseph H. Neeslma, Kioto, Japan.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

Rev. James Powell, D. D., New York City.—*American Missionary Association.*

Rev. Levi H. Cobb, D. D., New York City.—*American Congregational Union.*

Rev. Andrew E. Dunning, Boston.—*Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.*

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Boston, Mass.—*Secretary of the American Peace Society.*

### DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. Carter E. Cate, Lewiston, from the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Charles H. Jones, Vassalboro, Me.; Phebe S. Aydelott, Fall River, Mass., from the New England Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends.

By vote of the Conference, Rev. Frederic C. Rogers, of the Park St. Methodist Church, Lewiston, and Rev. E. C. Whittemore, of the Court St. Baptist Church, Auburn, were admitted to sit with the Conference as Honorary Members.

There were also present, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, Oakham; and Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, of Billerica, Mass.

United in singing Hymn 33, v. 1 and 4.

“Come, Thou Almighty King.” (*Italian Hymn.*)

### REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg, was not able to attend the meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, at London in October, 1884, nor in May, 1885, but wrote a fraternal letter.

Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville, was not able to be present at the meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Economy, N. S., July 7, 1884, but that he wrote to Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, who was Delegate from the

ational Council, to that body, to represent also him, and this Conference. Dr. Warren reported, that he was cordially welcomed, and that they appreciate the fellowship and sympathy of the churches in the States. They highly prize the Bangor Theological Seminary, from which many of their ministers have graduated.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, Biddeford, was cordially welcomed by the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Biddeford, April 23, 1885.

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, Boothbay, reported that he was not able to be present at the meeting of the East Maine Methodist Conference, Ellsworth, May 4, 1885, but that Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, conveyed the salutations of this Conference, and was received with great respect and pleasure.

Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, late of New Gloucester, wrote that he made every effort to find the date and place of the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting, and was to have been informed by one of its ministers in regard to it, but failed to get the notice.

Rev. Edwin A. Harlow was present at the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention at Houlton, in October, 1884, and was cordially greeted.

Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn, was received by the New England Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, last week in Portland, at a special meeting of men and women, appointed for that purpose, and the reception and interview was pleasant and profitable.

### COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Cumberland Conference, and Rev. Arius A. Morehouse, of Piscataquis Conference, were appointed to take the place of two whose term of office expires; and Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference, to fill a vacancy.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Nominating Committee, by vote of Conference were directed to nominate the Secretaries, Treasurer and Auditor.

They reported

Mr. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,	.....	<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	.....	Gorham.
Mr. ELNATHAN F. DUREN,	.....	<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	.....	Bangor.
Mr. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT,	.....	<i>Treasurer,</i>	.....	Bangor.
Mr. WILLIAM S. DENNETT,	.....	<i>Auditor,</i>	.....	Bangor.

And these were elected by ballot.

The Secretaries for three years; the Treasurer and Auditor for one year.

Rev. H. S. Huntington subsequently desired to be excused from further service. The Conference urgently desired that he would continue in the office, which he had so acceptably filled, but yielding to his wishes, voted, to excuse him, with thanks for his faithful service for six years.

The Nominating Committee, reported.

Rev. CHARLES H. POPE,.....*Corresponding Secretary*,....Farmington.  
Rev. LAURISTON REYNOLDS,.....*Assistant Corresponding Sec.*.....Auburn.

The nominations were accepted, and they were elected by ballot.

The roll was called, and a recess of five minutes was taken.

### CONFERENCE SERMON.

United in singing Hymn 425.

"Nearer my God to Thee."

(*Bethany.*)

Rev. William B. Hague, of South Bridgton, read a part of the first chapter of James, and led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 462.

"We pray for childlike hearts."

(*Dennis.*)

Sermon by Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg. Text.—Zachariah 10; 1. Theme.—The regard God authorizes in respect to times and seasons.

Several conditions are distinctly implied in the text. 1. That the Lord be served and worshipped.

2. That His favor be secured by sincere repentance for whatever sin they might have fallen into.

3. That the special blessing be sought at the proper time, in earnest, believing prayer.

The principle is indicated that under the Divine Government, there is a relation not only between instrumentality and end, but also between instrumentality and source.

We need more than any one thing, the spiritual rain, by which Zion may be refreshed.

Prayer and Benediction by the Preacher.

Adjourned.

Two o'clock, P. M.

United in singing Hymn 630.

"Blest be the tie."—4 Verses.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Cumberland Conference, read the Scriptures, and led in prayer.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, was presented by him.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.....	\$42 32	
Collection at Annual Meeting in Biddeford.....	19 48	
(1) From County Conferences for 1883.....	80 28	
(2) From County Conferences for 1884.....	633 86	
Balance to new account.....	37 53	
		<u>\$822 47</u>

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Knowles & Co. Bangor, for Minutes, etc., 1884.....	\$213 00	
Freight, postage, printing, stationery, and other expenses, Publishing Committee, 1884.....	121 37	
National Council, balance 1883.....	158 10	
National Council, towards 1884.....	300 00	
		<u>\$822 47</u>
(1) Aroostook, \$8 00 Cumberland, \$70 93 Washington, \$10 35		
	Total.....	\$89 28
(2) Aroostook, 14 00 Lincoln and Sag., 77 00 Somerset, 23 00		
Cumberland, 138 00 Oxford, 35 00 Union, 42 00		
Franklin, 27 00 Penobscot, 77 00 Washington, 55 00		
Hancock, 41 00 Piscataquis, 25 00 York, 79 86		
	Total.....	\$633 86

The Report duly audited by Dea. Wm. S. Dennett, of Bangor, was accepted.

Received after the account was presented.—Kennebec, \$52; York, \$11.14; Cumberland, \$110.11; Waldo, \$19.

Due National Council, 1884, \$117.48.

### IN MEMORIAM.

The Necrology, by the Recording Secretary, was read by him.

Four hundred and twenty-five members of our churches are reported as having closed their labors on earth, during the year, including seven of the ministry, five of them connected with the churches the year past. The others, former pastors or ministers.

Brief mention was made of the ministry, and of names of some of the laity. The record of whom may be found on subsequent pages.

May we not rejoice in the thought, that so many are added to the Heavenly choir; that with theirs, our notes of praise may blend,—“On the same Rock our souls may lean”—“To the same center hourly tend.”

All arose, and united in singing Hymn 626.

“Let saints below, in concert sing  
With those to glory gone;  
For all the servants of our King  
In earth and heaven are one.”

(Amen.)

Conference takes a recess.

## MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

*Incorporated February 25, 1829.*

### FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday, June 16,—3 P. M.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, Vice-President, in the Chair, who offered prayer.

Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report which was accepted.

Balance in the Treasury, 1884 .....	\$945 00
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Biddeford 1884.....	41 67
(1) From twenty-eight Churches.....	505 52
(2) From ten Individuals.....	61 00
Income on investments.....	125 00
Refunded.....	2 10
Legacy, Mrs. Lucy S. Adams, Castine.....	400 00
	<hr/> \$2060 29

### EXPENDITURES.

Nineteen payments to families aided .....	730 00
Deposit in Savings Bank.....	400 00
Tax on Lot, \$16 47; expenses \$5 02.....	21 49
Balance in Treasury, to new account.....	928 80
	<hr/> \$2060 29

(1) Auburn, \$25 00	Calais, 21 00	Searsport, First, 12 80
Bangor, First 22 97	Edgecomb, 3 00	Skowhegan, 12 00
Ham'd Street, pt. 5 00	Farmington, 8 50	Solon, 2 63
Bath, Central, 30 00	Harpwell, 4 50	Standish, 4 00
Bethel, 2d, 8 00	New Castle, 23 00	Turner, 4 50
Bingham, 2 22	Lincoln, 4 00	Wells, First, 18 00
Bridgton North, 2 00	Portland, High St., 10 00	Woodforda, 17 75
Boothbay, 2d, 15 00	Second Ch., 79 63	Yarmouth, First, 7 00
Brownville, 12 00	State St., 115 00	
Brunswick, 30 72	West, 5 33	Total,.....
		<hr/> \$2060 29



(2) Bangor,	1 00	Norridgewock,	5 00	Weld,	2 00
Bath,	2 00	Portland,	15 00	Wells,	10 00
Bradford, Mass.,	10 00	Princeton,	5 00		
Cape Elizabeth,	1 00	South Berwick,	10 00	Total, .....	\$61 00

Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, President of the Society from 1882, expecting not again to be able to be present at its meetings, sent his resignation.

It was accepted, with regret, and the following resolution, on motion of Rev. Amos Redlon,—was adopted.

*Resolved*,—That this Society tender sincere thanks to Rev. Dr. Tenney for his faithful services as President of this Society,—and that we do most cordially unite in expression of our sympathy with our venerable brother, in reference to the infirmities that press upon him, and pray that abundant grace may be his support now in his declining years.

The annual collection was taken in the evening, after an appeal by Prof. Ropes, of Bangor.—Amount \$61.17.

The following officers were elected :

Rev. JAVAN K. MASON, D. D.,..... *President*,..... Fryeburg.  
 Rev. PETER B. THAYER,..... *Vice-President*,..... Garland.  
 Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS,..... *Secretary*,..... Union.  
 Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS,..... *Treasurer*,..... Bangor.  
 Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT,..... *Auditor*,..... Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*, Rev. Messrs. P. B. Thayer, Chas. L. Nichols, Wm. P. Fisher, Dea. James P. Thwing, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, *Trustees*.

Adjourned.

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Conference resumed its session.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the state of the Churches for the year past.

The Report was accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

United in singing Hymn 640.

“Saviour, visit thy plantation;” (Gaylord.)

The Nominating Committee reported the following as a Committee to present points in the above report, for consideration by this Conference. Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of Saco; Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick. (See Appendix B.)

Remarks suggested by the report, were made by Rev. Messrs. David Garland, Bethel; Charles D. Crane, New Castle; Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland Center; Edwin A. Harlow, State Missionary; George W. Christie, Presque Isle; William B. Hague, South Bridgton; Charles H. Pope, Farmington; Amos Redlon, S. W. Harbor; and Henry A. Freeman, Bluehill.

Prayer was offered, led by Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells.

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, and Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick, officiating.

Deacons.—Simeon H. Murray, Sylvanus Haynes, Albert L. Temple, of Lewiston; Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor.

Sung Hymn 213.

“Rock of Ages, cleft for me.”

(*Toplady.*)

Benediction, by Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D.

Adjourned.

Evening.—7:30

Organ Prelude, by Mr. Robert C. Pennell.

Anthem by the choir of the church,—

“The strain upraise.”

*Dudley Buck.*

Miss Carrie S. Deane, Soprano; Mrs. W. C. Darrall, Contralto; Mr. William H. Jones, Tenor; Mr. George W. Goss, Bass.

Mr. R. C. Pennell, Organist and Director.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, read part of the second chapter of Colossians, and led in prayer.

Response by the Choir,—

“Now the day is over.”

*Barnby.*

The choir and congregation sung, Hymn 198.

“Come, let us sing the song of songs.”

(*Duke Street.*)

### THE GOSPEL IN OUR CITIES.

This topic was introduced by an address from Rev. Charles H. Daniels, Portland.

The choir and congregation sung, Hymn 250.

“All hail the power of Jesus' name.”

(*Coronation.*)

## THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY CHURCHES.

This subject introduced by an address from Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor.

(The contribution for the Maine Congregational Society was taken, according to an announcement in the afternoon,—after remarks on the object and need of it, by Rev. Professor C. J. H. Ropes, of Bangor.)

An Offertory Solo was sung by Mr. Wm. H. Jones.

"Give alms of thy goods."

*Millard.*

After the offering, the choir and congregation sung Hymn 498.

"Onward, Christian soldiers."

*(Onward.)*

The topics of the addresses were further discussed by Rev. Daniel Greene, Machias; Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn; Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; Ex-Gov. Nelson Dingley, Lewiston; and Rev. Thomas L. Gulick, Missionary to Spain.

Benediction by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, after notice by Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned.

## SECOND DAY.—Wednesday, June 17.

6 o'clock A. M.—Prayer-meeting conducted by Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick, who read part of the 28th Chapter of the Acts. Prayer and Remarks by the leader, and Rev. Messrs. D. Garland, C. D. Crane, H. S. Loring, D. S. Hibbard, C. L. Nichols, C. H. Pope, J. T. Hawes, R. W. Jenkins, T. L. Gulick, H. Houston, R. W. Emerson, A. N. Jones and others.

Verses of Hymns were frequently sung.—"Just as I am;" "I need Thee;" "My Heavenly Home;" "Jesus, keep me;" "Come thou fount;" "All hail, the power of Jesus' name;" "The consecrated cross."

The Report of revivals in different parts of the State was cheering, and a cause for devout gratitude.

8:30 A. M.

United in singing Hymn 252.

"O could I speak the matchless worth."

*(Ariel.)*

Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, read Ephesians, 3d Chapter, and led in prayer.

After a short Conference,—Adjourned.

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Organized in 1807.*

## SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., President, in the chair.

United in Singing Hymn 337:—

"Go, preach my Gospel, saith the Lord." (*Missionary Chant.*)

The President read part of the 9th and 10th Chapters of Matthew, and led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 472.

"Go, labor on; spend and be spent." (*Bishop.*)

Sermon, by Rev. Omar W. Folsom, of Bath.

Text.—1 Cor. 2: 9. "For we are laborers together with God." Progress is the result of the divine and human forces.

Prayer,—led by Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Phipsburg.

The Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, the remarks following, and the business transacted, may be found at the end of the Report of the Conference.

United in singing Hymn 675.

"Jesus shall reign." (*Duke St.*)

Benediction by Rev. Edwin A. Harlow.

2 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing Hymn 264.

"Awake, my soul, to joyful lays." (*Loving-kindness*)

Rev. Hiram Houston, of Wells, read part of the sixth Chapter of Matthew, and led in prayer.

## SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Charles H. Jones, of Vassalboro, and Phebe S. Aydelett, of Fall River, Mass., presented the greetings of the New England Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends.

Rev. Carter E. Cates, of Lewiston, the salutation of the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. A. A. Lewis, of Winterport, Delegate from the East Maine Methodist Conference, regretting his inability to be present, and heartily wishing us "God speed in the blessed work of the Master."

The Moderator responded appropriately to these fraternal greetings.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Singing by the Sunday School choir,—in charge of Messrs. W. H. Jones, and R. C. Pennell.

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| 1. "Let the merry church-bells ring."        | <i>A. P. Howard.</i> |
| 2. "Bright as a jewel that decketh a crown." | <i>Froelick.</i>     |
| 3. "The word of prophets is fulfilled."      | <i>Froelick.</i>     |

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Conference for their beautiful and spirited singing.

The Secretary for Sunday-schools, Rev. B. P. Snow, of Biddeford, was not present, but his report had been forwarded; and on motion it was

*Voted*, To lay it upon the table for the present.

The Report was subsequently taken up, and it was

*Voted*, That it be published in the Minutes, (Appendix A.)

Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, addressed the Conference, on "The Relation of Sunday-schools to Missions."

Recess of five minutes.

United in singing Hymn 272.

"O for a thousand tongues to sing." (*Christmas.*)

A voluntary ministerial choir, with the organ,—leading the congregation in the singing.

### CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Rev. Andrew E. Dunning, Secretary of this organization, and National Secretary of Sunday-schools, presented the work of this Society; its importance and the success which had attended it, in the organization of Sunday-schools, thus presenting the truths of the Bible and preparing the way for the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment of Churches.

Sung Hymn 478.

"Sow in the morn thy seed." (*Boylston.*)

## PROGRAMME AND PRAYER FOR CONFERENCE.

Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, introduced the following resolutions, which on his motion were adopted.

*Resolved*, 1.—That this Conference recommend that the programme for General Conference be mailed to each Congregational minister and church in the State at least two weeks before the time of meeting.

2.—That special prayer be offered in the Churches, on the Lord's Day next preceding the Conference, for the Divine Blessing upon all its sessions.

3.—That the second resolution be printed upon the programme.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, introduced the following minute which was adopted.

That this Conference desires to express its high estimation of the work done by the sisters in our churches, both in local matters and in co-operation with our great benevolent societies.

And we further desire that the Christian zeal and ability which our sisters have shown in separate meetings may come into its natural place in connection with the regular work of our Conference meetings.

## IMPURE LITERATURE.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, of the Committee appointed last year on the subject, reported in their behalf that they had appeared before the Committee of the State Legislature in reference to it, that a bill had been prepared by them, which was presented to the Legislature, and a law had been passed, which if enforced would reach the evil.

## SEAMEN.

The Moderator called for Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, to speak in behalf of this cause, but he was not present to respond.

After the benediction by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath. Adjourned.

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Evening. 7:30.

Organ prelude by Mr. R. C. Pennell.

Anthem by the choir:

"Rejoice in the Lord."

*Koltschmar.*

Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of Portland, read the 35th, Chapter of Isaiah, and led in prayer.

Response by the choir,—

“May the peace which passeth understanding.”

United in singing Hymn, 484.

“Soldiers of Christ! arise.”

(*Laban.*)

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Edmund K. Alden, D. D., Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., presented the early and constant connection of Maine with the cause, and the men and women who have been identified with it in mission fields, and appealed for continued interest, and prayer, and giving, and earnest work in its behalf.

Rev. Joseph H. Neesima, of Kioto, Japan, gave an account of his experience, and of what had been accomplished in his native land, by the power of christianity during the last fifteen years.

United in singing Hymn 656, one verse.

“Sovereign of worlds display thy power.” (*Missionary Chant.*)

### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. James Powell, D.D., Secretary, of New York, plead forcibly for the objects and work of this organization.

The Committee of arrangements made a report.

The Benediction was pronounced impressively by Rev. Joseph H. Neesima. Adjourned.

### THIRD DAY.—Thursday, June 18.

6 o'clock A. M.—Prayer-meeting, Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, leading,—who read part of the 4th Chapter of Ephesians,—with remarks and prayer.

Prayers and Remarks also by Rev. Messrs. E. Chase, J. T. Hawes, H. S. Loring, C. A. Marsh, D. S. Hibbard, E. A. Harlow, E. L. Walbridge, C. Dame, E. Bean, N. Lincoln, and others.

Hymns sung.—

“Sweet hour of prayer;” “Why should the children of a King;” “Blessed are the sons of God;” “Blest be the tie;” “Father hear our humble prayer;” “Saviour, thy dying love,” and a verse or two of other hymns.

A quickening season, and a helpful beginning of the day.

9 A. M.—United in singing Hymn 477. "A charge to keep," (*Boyleston*.)

Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of Bluehill, read a part of the 15th Chapter of John, and led in prayer.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Union Conference, chairman of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted as follows:

#### COMMITTEES.

##### PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor;  
Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham.

##### TREASURER.

##### AUDITOR.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor. Dea. William S. Dennett, Bangor.

##### SECRETARY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford.

##### COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, *ex-off*.... Biddeford..... York Conference.

Rev. Charles H. Pope..... Farmington..... Franklin.

Ansel G. Dewey..... Portland..... Cumberland.

Rev. Daniel Greene..... Machias..... Washington.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright..... Portland..... Cumberland.

Rev. George Lewis..... South Berwick... York.

Rev. Arthur G. Fitz..... South Paris..... Oxford.

##### TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Rev. George W. Stearns..... Patten..... Aroostook Conference.

Rev. Frank T. Bayley..... Portland..... Cumberland.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham..... South Freeport.. Cumberland North.

Rev. John W. H. Baker..... Farmington Falls Franklin.

Rev. Joseph E. Swallow..... Somesville..... Hancock.

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins..... Gardiner..... Kennebec.

Rev. Omar W. Folsom..... Bath..... Lincoln & Sagadahoc.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler... .. Gorham, N. H.... Oxford.

Mr. Manly Hardy..... Brewer..... Penobscot.

Rev. William G. Mann..... Monson..... Piscataquia.

Rev. John L. Evans..... North Anson.... Somerset.

Rev. Javan K. Mason D. D.,... .. Fryeburg.... Union.

Rev. John A. Ross..... Belfast..... Waldo.

Rev. Daniel Greene..... Machias..... Washington.

Rev. Charles E. Andrews.... .. Biddeford.... York.

##### TO VISIT BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, Saco; Rev. Charles D. Crane, New Castle; Rev. Alexander Wiswall, Norway; Rev. Edward Chase, Hallowell; Rev. Omar W. Folsom, Bath.



## DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

*Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.*

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

October 6, 1885, in a Midland Co. May 10—14, 1886, in London.

*Primary.*

*Substitute.*

Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, Bangor. Rev. William H. Fenn, D. D., Portland.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

At Chebogue, N. S., July 4, 1885.

Rev. Wellington R. Cross, St. Stephen, N. B. Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg.

## MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

April, 1886, in Bridgton.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright, Portland. Rev. Thomas M. Davies, Bridgton.

## EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.

In May, 1886, Winterport.

Rev. James Alexander, Hampden. Rev. Charles T. Hawes, Searsport.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Rev. David Garland, Bethel. Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Auburn.

## MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

October, 1885, in Lewiston.

Rev. George W. Christie, Presque Isle; Rev. Charles A. Marsh, Woodfords.

## YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport, Rev. Charles A. White, Mech. Falls.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Portland. Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn.

Rev. George M. Howe, Lewiston, *Secretary for the Am. Missionary Association.*

## COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE AND ADVISE IN REGARD TO THE HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL, AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Rev. William P. Fisher, Brunswick; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Portland; Dea. Joseph Titcomb, Kennebunk; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Dea. Peter E. Vose, Dennyville.

By vote of Conference, (Minutes, 1872, p. 9,) the sending of Delegates to State Conferences is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

## NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (15,) 1886, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Central Church, Bath.

## COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Revs. A. Frederic Dunnels, Omar W. Folsom, Dea. Franklin S. Partridge.

## PREACHER.

*Primary.*

Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, Augusta.

*Alternate.*

Rev. Charles H. Daniels, Portland.

## COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Daniel Greene, of Washington Conference.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Cumberland Conference.

Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, of Penobscot Conference.

Rev. John D. Emerson, of York Conference.

Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Piscataquis Conference.

Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

Conference takes a recess.

## MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

*Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.*

## SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, chosen Secretary pro-tem.

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read by the chairman, and accepted.

## RECEIPTS.

In Treasury.....	\$31 71
Collection at annual meeting, at Biddeford.....	21 80
(1) Contributions from eleven churches.....	195 15
Bank dividends.....	32 00
Parent Society.....	75 00
H. S. L. Winthrop.....	5 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society, by Treasurer.....	\$265 00
Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College.....	75 00
Balance in the Treasury.....	20 06
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(1) Augusta,	\$10 00	Brunswick,	21 70	Portland, High St.,	20 00
Bangor, Central,	25 00	Edgecomb, No. 8	18	Portland, Second,	10 00
Bangor, First,	11 52	Hampden,	3 75	Portland, State St.,	50 00
Bangor, Ham'd St.,	30 00	Harpwell,	5 00		
Total.....					\$195 15

The Parent Society received in addition to the above.

Auburn, High St.,	\$20 00	Farmington,	8 50	Skowhegan.	14 35
Bangor, Central,	15 00	Gorham,	11 97	Weld,	1 00
Bath, Winter St.,	36 70	Portland St. Lawrence	6 81	Wilton,	3 50
Total.....					\$117 83

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham; Charles H. Pope, Farmington; and Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Biddeford, were appointed a Committee, to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

They reported the following, who were elected.

Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, D. D.,	.....	President.....	Bangor.
Rev. WILLIAM P. FISHER.....		Vice-President.....	Brunswick.
Rev. ARTHUR F. SKEELE.....		Secretary.....	Augusta.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN.....		Treasurer.....	Brunswick.
Dr. ALFRED MITCHELL.....		Auditor.....	Brunswick.

DIRECTORS:—President and Secretary, *ex-officio*; Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, and Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Gorham, N. H

Annual collection, \$20.05. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

### HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. William P. Fisher, chairman of the Committee to visit the Hallowell Classical School and Scientific Academy, reported, (See Appendix E.)

Inquiries were made in reference to several points in the report, that a more clear understanding of its financial condition might be obtained. Statements were made by Rev. Wm. P. Fisher, Rev. Edward Chase, and Rev. Henry V. Emmons.

Further discussion followed in reference to the relation of the Conference to this Institution, in which Rev. Dr. Westwood, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Rev. C. H. Daniels, Rev. H. S. Huntington, Rev. Amos Redlon, and others participated.

It was a source of encouragement and congratulation, that the school itself is doing well, and paying its expenses under the administration of the *Principal*, Lawrence Rolfe, A. B., and that it maintains its high

standard of literary excellence, and moral and religious culture. An appeal was made that pupils should be sent to it, to avail themselves of its advantages.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Hallock, the following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*,—That a special committee of five,—three laymen, and two clergymen, be appointed to fully examine into the present condition of the Hallowell Classical School, and the history of its connection with this Conference, and report to this body next year, what duty is incumbent upon us in relation to it.

The Nominating Committee reported subsequently, as they were desired to do, the following as said Committee, and they were chosen :

Rev. William P. Fisher, Brunswick ; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Portland ; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor ; Dea. Joseph Titcomb, Kennebunk ; Dea. Peter E. Vose, Dennysville.

Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, introduced the following resolutions which were adopted by the Conference.

Whereas this Conference has listened with pain to the report of its Committee as to the financial condition of Hallowell Classical School, its debt, and the mismanagement of its affairs :—

*Resolved*,—1. That as a Conference we hereby record our disapprobation of the course pursued, and protest against the continuance of the same.

2. That we earnestly request all those who are named as Trustees, to faithfully investigate the affairs of the School, and clear themselves of the reproach which rests upon it.

3. That we urge that a full display of all the records and doings of the Trustees and Treasurer be made to our Committee, in order that if possible, the confidence of the Conference may be restored.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Board of Trustees.

### BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, chairman of the Visiting Committee, read their report, which was accepted. (See Appendix C.)

Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, spoke in strong terms of commendation of the work which the Seminary had accomplished, and the need of its continuance, especially to Maine.

Prof. Charles J. II. Ropes, of Bangor, added his testimony to the necessity of the Seminary for Maine, to furnish an educated ministry for its churches and destitute fields, and the need of funds to increase its power for the more effectual furnishing of the young men for their work.

Professor John S. Sewall, referred to the pleasure of meeting so many of the Alumni of the Seminary at these meetings of Conference, and to the joy there was in giving and receiving the right hand of fellowship; of the love of the Seminary for Maine, and of Maine for the Seminary, and desired that fathers and mothers would consecrate their sons to the blessed work of the ministry, and send them to Bangor Seminary, to remain in the State, and do the work that needs to be done here; yet not forgetting the great work abroad.

Prayer was offered in behalf of the Seminary, led by Rev. John P. Cushman, of Castine,—who also pronounced the benediction.

Adjourned.

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Two o'clock P. M. United in singing Hymn 262.

"In the cross of Christ I glory." (Rathbun.)

Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cumberland Conference, read a portion of the 6th Chapter of Ephesians, and led in prayer.

#### BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, in behalf of the committee to visit the College, made a report, which was accepted. See Appendix D.

The Moderator referred to one vacancy we felt in the death of Professor Alpheus S. Packard, and rendered a beautiful tribute to his memory. In behalf of the College he spoke of its interests, and made reference to the delightful sun-set meetings, and to the work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Prayer was offered in behalf of the College, led by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Penobscot Conference.

#### AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. Levi H. Cobb, D. D., of New York City, Secretary of this organization, presented facts illustrative of their work in the building of meeting-houses and parsonages. If Maine would give one-half the funds for building six houses of worship—the Union would furnish the remainder.

#### AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Boston, Secretary, was happy to greet again the Maine Conference, and to plead for something less cruel and destructive than war as a remedy for National quarrels.

Sung Hymn 631.

"Dear Saviour, we are thine."

(*Dennis*)

The roll of the Conference was called.

### STATISTICS.

Attention was called to the recommendation of the National Council that the churches make returns once in five years beginning in 1880, of the houses of worship, and parsonages; their value; home expenditures, etc.,—in all seven items.

This year, (1885) is the second year assigned for them—and it was

*Voted*, That the Publishing Committee gather them from our churches, and report them in the Minutes of this year.

### CLOSING REMARKS.

The venerable father Hawes (Rev. J. T.) was called upon by the Moderator to utter a few parting words. He referred to the preciousness of this season of Conference, uniting us in Christian love and fellowship; opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit and bringing us into closer communion with Christ. He desired that we should hold on steadfast to the teachings of the Gospel; live near to Christ, love him more, serve him more,—remembering Him always,—and when the last hour shall come, if able to say but a word, may it be expressive of love and trust in Him. He would suggest as a fitting closing Hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," which the Moderator said we would sing.

### VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, with fitting remarks, offered the following resolutions.

*Resolved*—That as a Conference we tender our sincere and hearty thanks to the Committee of arrangements, and to the Committee of entertainment, for their wise and untiring labor to provide for the meeting, and for the comfort of their guests, and to make the visit of the Conference so home-like and cheerful;

—to this Church and their Pastor, and the Congregational families of Lewiston and Auburn, and of the families of other denominations, whose welcome has been so kind, and hospitality so generous;

—to the floral Committee, for the beautiful flowers and plants so bountifully supplied, and so tastefully arranged;

—to the choir, who contributed so much to the attraction and worship of the evening services;

—to the organist, and leader of the choir, occupying with no less taste and skill and heartiness, the same place he filled so well, when we met with this church eighteen years ago;

—to the children and their leader for the singing on Wednesday afternoon;

-to the Pine St. Free Baptist Church, for opening their house for the meetings of the Ladies;

-to the Lewiston Journal for the full report of the session, and to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies for reduction in fare.

Mr. Alfred F. Adams, of Castine, seconded the motion, and desired a vote be taken by rising,—other guests to unite with the Conference in the same expression of thanks.

The Resolutions were adopted.

Rev. George M. Howe, pastor of the Church expressed thanks for the action of the Conference, Rev. Dr. Westwood concurring in the remarks of his associate on the Committee.

#### MODERATOR FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

On motion of Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, Rev. Edgar Cousins, of Cumberland Conference, and Rev. Charles D. Crane, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, were appointed a Committee to give the votes for Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gen Joshua L. Chamberlain, was unanimously chosen.

The Moderator thanked the Conference for this renewed mark of its confidence.

Being called upon subsequently, he referred to such a gathering as ours, as one that whole communities ought to respect, drawing to it the interest of every statesman and patriot, as well as Christian. The truths that have been presented lay at the foundations of our principles. We must hold fast to them. They are such as are needed and adapted to the good of our State and Nation,—and the world. The great questions of the day,—social, moral and political can here be profitably considered, and the true light and life be manifest.

United in singing Hymn 250.

“All hail the power of Jesus name.”

After the benediction by Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, the Moderator announced Conference adjourned.

E. F. DUREN,

*Recording Secretary.*

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES.

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## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIARY.

### TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY.

In Pine St. Free Baptist Ch., Lewiston, Tuesday, 2 P. M., June 16, Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland, President, in the chair.

The 97th Psalm was read. Prayer by Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Gorham. Singing of the Hymn, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed."

Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, of Portland, Treasurer, read her report. Receipts for the year, \$3,600.

The President gave a short address in reference to the work of the missionaries.

Miss Sophia Spofford of Rockland, Corresponding Secretary, gave a full report of the work of the Auxiliary.

Miss Barrows, Missionary in Burmah, with a native lady, were present. The Burmese lady sang in her language, "Wonderful words."

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland.

The closing exercise, was the singing of a Missionary Hymn, written by Mrs. Caroline W. D. Rich, of Auburn.

"Lo! the world is white for harvest."

The list of Officers may be found in the Appendix.

## THE WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

### FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Was held in the Pine St. Free Baptist Church, Lewiston, Wednesday, June 17, at 2 P. M.

The President Mrs. William E. Gould, in the Chair.

The meeting was opened by singing, "I love thy Kingdom, Lord;" reading the 103d Psalm, and the repeating in unison the Lord's Prayer, all standing.



The Secretary being absent, Mrs. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, was appointed Secretary pro-tem.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, Bangor, was read and accepted. Receipts,—\$1,247.99, from seventy-eight churches. Value of Missionary Boxes prepared by aid-Societies, \$537.10. Total, \$1,785.09.

The Secretary's report was read by Miss Celia Valentine, of New Brunswick.

The Nominating Committee presented a list of officers, for the coming year, who were unanimously elected. See record in the report of the Maine Missionary Society.

After the transaction of the business of the Society, the time was added to the Woman's Aid to the American Missionary Association.

#### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S AID.

##### FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, of Hiram, presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Zenas Crowell, of Cornish.

The Report was read by the President, showing the financial condition of the Society.

The contributions for the year ending June 18, 1885, were \$1,145.27. The responsibility for a new Missionary among the Indians, at Fort Berthold has been assumed, and this with many other indications show marked progress during the year.

Miss Mary K. Lunt, Missionary in Selma, Ala., gave a very interesting and encouraging statement of the progress of the work in her field, and the hopeful phase now presented. She also gave a vivid view of the needs of her work.

A letter was read from Miss D. E. Emerson, of New York City, Secretary of the Bureau of Woman's work, urging upon all a more hearty zeal in the great work.

Rev. Dr. Powell, of New York, Secretary, came to the platform; but declined to make an address, as the audience were desired at the home Church.

For Committee elected, see Appendix.

Adjourned.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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A meeting was held in Pine St. Free Baptist Church, on Thursday, June 18, at 10 A. M., in the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Boston, of which Mrs. Danielson, of Providence, R. I., is President. In the absence of Mrs. William Brown, of Portland, Vice-President for Maine, Mrs. George M. Howe, of Lewiston was called to preside.

United in singing,

"A charge to keep I have."

Prayer was offered.

Sung:—"He that goeth forth and weepeth."—

Miss Minott spoke of the work done by the Society which she represents, and then of her own work in Tennessee among the poor whites: their ignorance, utter destitution and degradation, it is hard to realize.

Mrs. Scruton gave an encouraging report of the work being accomplished by our teachers in Utah. Some of the Mormon Schools have been closed for good. The Edmund's Bill has already made serious inroads upon Mormonism.

United in a closing Hymn.—

Rev. Thomas L. Gulick, by invitation gave some account of the present condition of Spain, where he has been a Missionary, of its encouraging aspects and its great need.

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The weather was propitious, and the attendance upon most of the sessions of Conference was full,—some of them crowded.

The exercises were profitable and up-lifting; the topics practical; the devotional element manifest.

The efforts of the Committee were constant and hearty that all guests should be well cared for.

The church edifice was as fresh and inviting; convenient in all its arrangements, as when Conference met within its walls eighteen years ago. The outward surroundings are changed; for then the park opposite had just been laid out. Now its graceful and beautiful foliage, its lawn and walks, render the situation of the building more attractive.

The ladies manifested much interest in the arrangement and renewing of the abundant supply at flowers each day: cold water was ever at hand in the vestibule.

The choir under the leadership of Mr. R. C. Pennell, rendered very effectively the selected music in the evening sessions.—The congregation uniting with the choir in the Hymns. The singing during the day was Congregational, and hearty, the organ accompanying a part of the time. The children's chorus on Wednesday afternoon, led by Mr. Fred B. Sands, was prompt, vigorous, and pleasing.

The "Lewiston Evening Journal," with their wonted enterprise gave daily a very full report up to the close of the afternoon session. The Christian Mirror had a report June 20, 27; the Congregationalist, June 15.

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The Conference met with this church in 1867. Rev. Aaron C. Adams, then pastor at Auburn, Moderator. Rev. Uriah Balkam, pastor of this church, was the efficient chairman of the Committee of arrangements. The general topic was, "The Christianization of Maine and of the world,"—to which all the discussions and remarks, including the appeals of the representatives of benevolent organizations during the session, were designed to have reference.

The Conference Sermon, was by Rev. Seth H. Keeler, then of Calais; Missionary Sermon, by Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor; Missionary Report, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; report of Maine Branch Education Society, Prof. George Shepard, Bangor; report of the churches, by Rev. J. K. Mason, then of Thomaston; report of visitors to Bangor Theological Seminary, Rev. John H. Windsor, pastor at Saco, 1864-68. There were present, Delegates from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Canada, the Presbyterian church of the U. S., and from the Methodist and Baptist Maine Conferences. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, (pastor at Saco 1854-59,) and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.

Rev. Smith Baker, then of Orono, well expressed the thanks of the Conference, "for the hearty welcome, the free hospitality, and untiring labors of all to make the visit of Conference so homelike and cheerful."

Mr. Robert C. Pennell, was organist and leader of the choir.

## REPORT OF THE CHURCHES.

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Another year of work and privilege has been granted us. A year of discipline and difficulty, but far more of hope and joy. We come together to recount a little of its experiences and to be strengthened by our mutual faith. We claim our part to-day, with the whole Christian church, in the apostolic blessing, "Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

In the review of our churches, the first Conference to be noticed is the one which most needs our good-will and help. *Aroostook Conference* has nominally ten churches, but only seven have even a fair degree of strength, and of these, only one has anywhere near a hundred resident members. The others have each less than fifty. They are able to report that more members have been added than removed this year. The additions were 20, removals 16. It is creditable to five of these churches that, though their contributions are small, they have made some gifts to several of our leading benevolent objects. The church at Sherman is the only one owning a parsonage. In such a region as Aroostook, a parsonage is an especially valuable appendage to a church, and I commend to your generous gifts the church at Presque Isle, which is just trying to provide one for its efficient pastor. Friends to whom the Lord has given property, will you not study the needs of this section of our state, and do something to help? I believe that a session of this General Conference there would do great good. The people would better understand us, and we should gain a more vivid sense of the need and the opportunity.

The report from *Piscataquis Conference* is encouraging, though three of the ten churches are without preaching. In fact, we can hardly expect a church of one member (the reported size of that at Sangerville) to support a pastor, however loyal a member that man may be. The churches have received to membership 46 by profession, 16 by letter, 62 in all. Removals 17, leaving a net gain of 45. Three churches have parsonages, valued respectively at \$4,000, \$1,200, and 1,000. Improvements in the houses of worship have been made at Greenville

and Monson. At Monson, as the result of God's blessing upon union meetings conducted by Rev. T. H. Higgins, a Baptist evangelist, many have become Christians, of whom 22 have joined the Congregational church. Foxcroft and Dover have been visited with a powerful work of grace, in connection with the labors of "Bailey's Praying Band." Several hundred persons have declared their purpose to lead the Christian life. On June 7th, 76 were received to the Congregational church by confession of faith. Some of the converts at Foxcroft and Dover have labored in Blanchard, and a number of conversions are reported there. A very precious revival has been enjoyed in Brownville. In answer to the question what means were used, the pastor says, "We tried to hold ourselves in readiness to do anything we could to bring hearts to a sense of the need and power of the saving love of Christ." One Sunday after it had been decided to hold meetings every evening, those members of the Sunday-school, not professing Christians, who desired to live for Christ and serve him were asked to rise, when as many as seventy gave such expression. There were no exciting meetings, but much personal fidelity in conversing with friends. Sunday-school teachers were very faithful in their classes, and all the people had a mind to work. Of the promising workers brought into the church, the ages range from 60 to 9.

Our brethren in *Washington Conference* are contending, as before, against the difficulties which arise from a wide territory and churches remote from each other. One faithful and devoted pastor, Rev. F. E. Shaw, has left his pastorate at East Machias during the year, and fallen by death at his new post in Brewer V. A soldier in our army during the war, Bro. Shaw has been a loyal and warm-hearted soldier of the great Captain, ever longing for the advance of the Christian host to new conquests. We miss him sadly to-day. The 20 churches of Washington Conference report only 9 pastors,—but one of these installed. Additions to the churches have been 32,—29 of them by confession of faith. Removals 46, a net loss of 14. Although the times have been hard, home expenditures are \$562 more than last year, and contributions \$287 more. The additions by confession were in 7 churches, the largest numbers being received at Jonesport (16) and Calais (6). Says the reporter, "On the whole, the outlook for the next year is as encouraging as for the few years past. Our prayer is,

"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers."

The 15 churches of *Hancock Conference* have received 45 additions to their membership, 37 of these by confession of faith. The removals are 43, the net gain two. Five churches received additions by confession, nine received none. Blue Hill and Deer Isle First, each received 15, Bucksport and Orland each three, Bar Harbor one. Seven churches have parsonages, varying in reported value from \$800 to \$4,500. The Conference has lost two much esteemed pastors, Rev. C. W. Huntington from Ellsworth and Rev. A. J. McGown from Bar Harbor. At Deer Isle a glorious work of grace has been enjoyed, with some 80 hopeful conversions. We all lamented when we read that just after Bro. Gates had received a considerable number of new converts to the church, the meeting-house was burned to the ground. May the spirit of consecration in both new converts and old, soon give them a new house more valuable than the other. But they must have aid. They had no insurance, and had just completed with a great effort a new parsonage. Many of the people at Deer Isle are sea-going men and are poor.

*Penobscot Conference* has had the joy of adding one church to its number, making 19 in all. The new church was organized at Milford, April 15, 1885, with 13 members, 10 uniting by confession of faith, three by letter. The churches have received on confession of faith 42, by letter 41, total 83. Their losses have exceeded this number by one. Hammond St. Church has received 11 by confession, Brewer First, 10, Bangor First, 7, Bangor Central, 2, Oldtown and Orono each 1. The little church at Kenduskeag, which had been much discouraged, has been refreshed and filled with new hope. Twelve are soon to be added to it, and others will follow. The meeting-houses in Holden and Lincoln have been repaired and painted. A neat chapel has been built at Brewer Village. The new and attractive church edifice at Milford is so far completed that worship is held in it. The Sunday-schools show a gain of 196. Ninety-four more families are reported in the congregations. Contributions are \$710 more than last year; and it is a happy fact that while last year six churches reported no benevolent gifts, this year all but two have made some offering. Rev. N. H. Harriman of the First church, Bangor, has done valuable service in conducting a weekly meeting for the study of the Sunday-school lesson. It has been largely attended by teachers and others from the various churches. The report from our Theological Seminary says: "We have had a somewhat

arger number of students than for six previous years, and these have been of excellent character, earnest in their work, and devoted in their consecration to the ministry. A good spiritual tone and hard study usually go together. This has been pre-eminently the case during the past year. The Seminary and class prayer-meetings have been more than usually profitable. The missionary meetings have been fully attended and have proved very stimulating. The work of our students in the churches and mission stations about us has been blessed." Surely we shall all respond to the request, "Pray that more good men may be sent to the Seminary, and that they may go out wholly consecrated to their work."

Of the eleven churches of *Waldo Conference*, only three are self-supporting. Four ministers supply six of the churches, and students from the Seminary have, during part of the year, supplied three others. Seven persons have united with the churches by confession of faith, and fourteen by letter, twenty-one in all. Fourteen members of the churches have died, and sixteen have been dismissed, thirty in all. Net loss, nine. There is a slight gain in membership of the Sunday-schools, and in the number of families. It is also a pleasant fact that there is a gain in gifts to *every* object of benevolence. Four of the churches have parsonages, valued respectively at \$4,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, and \$700. Rev. John A. Ross of Belfast has preached also at North Belfast. At the latter place the meeting-house has been repaired and refurnished at a cost of \$500, and all the bills paid.

*Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference* has received to its 22 churches 32 by confession and 15 by letter; in all 47. Removals have been, by death 53, by dismission 24; total 77. This leaves a net loss of 30. Eight of the churches received accessions by confession of faith, in numbers varying from nine to one. Examining the list of benevolent offerings, we find that 14 churches gave to Foreign Missions, 8 did not give; 15 to Home Missions, 7 not giving; 12 to the American Missionary Association, 10 not giving. Thirteen churches have parsonages. The church in Union reports, "There have been several conversions in remote districts during the past year." The Reporter of the Conference, lamenting that there has been a lack of power to reach the unconverted, and asking, Why is it so? suggests as reasons, a low

standard of Christian morality and honor among some disciples; neglect of household worship and the prayer-meetings; a worldly spirit in social and holiday observances; and the multiplication of societies for various objects, to such an extent as to crowd the church one side. He instances one town of 1,500 people where are eight such organizations. This peril can be avoided only as men are steadfast in giving their loyalty, time, and money first to Christ and his church. This Conference, at its annual meeting last week, chose a committee on church work, consisting of two ministers and one layman, to have under their special care the feeble churches of the Conference. They are to provide for these churches a Conference Missionary, who shall as far as possible give them preaching and pastoral care during the summer and fall. The expense is to be met in part by those to whom he ministers, and in part by a special contribution in the other churches. May the Lord add his blessing to this excellent endeavor.

The fifteen churches of *Kennebec Conference* have received to their membership 41 persons by confession, and 31 by letter; total 72. Removals 56, net gain 16. Ten of the churches have received one or more additions by confession of faith. Contributions are \$2,338, which is \$745 less than last year. The church in Augusta is blessed in its new pastor, and has received accessions at every Communion since he began his labors. A five weeks' series of union meetings recently held in the city resulted in a large number of conversions. Benton has purchased a new organ costing \$115, South Gardiner has expended \$250 in repairing the house of worship, Winslow has renovated its parsonage and church at an expense of \$825. The little church in Riverside have met with a grievous loss in the burning of their house of worship, on which there was no insurance. But they are courageously preparing to rebuild. The people of Richmond rejoice in their new and attractive chapel, which cost about \$1,400. The land, valued at \$250, was the gift of Capt. Franklin Houdlette and wife. The chapel building, costing about \$880, was donated by Mr. Levi Mustard and wife, and the people furnished it at an expense of \$282. The usual attendance at prayer-meeting is more than half the resident membership of the church.

*Somerset Conference* has 13 churches, which have received to membership 19 persons, and lost 28, leaving a net loss of nine. If we ask



why our brethren in this Conference have frequently been obliged to report decline in membership instead of gain, we have one answer in the fact that seven of the churches report their pulpits vacant. Only three ministers are reported,—one of them supplying two pulpits. Two other churches have preaching by students of Bangor. God lead more of our young men to see the blessing there is in going to minister to these little churches, in a faithful and consecrated spirit! No one of these 13 churches owns a parsonage. The providing of this would help them to a settled ministry. A good church edifice, costing \$2,000, has been completed at North Anson within the year. The church in Skowhegan celebrated their centennial anniversary on the 28th of January.

*Franklin Conference* has 10 churches, which have received to membership 12 by confession, and 13 by letter. Fifteen have been removed, which leaves a gain of 10. Farmington received 11 by confession, and seven by letter. Wilton one by confession, and four by letter. New Sharon, two by letter. The other seven churches received none. Contributions are \$194 more than last year. Three churches have parsonages, New Sharon, Farmington and Wilton. The Conference has very regretfully parted from two ministers, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Phillips, and Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Wilton. The Farmington church has issued a revised edition of its church manual, containing a sketch of the Lord's leading in the past, and the names of those now in fellowship. Many excellent results have appeared in the way of better knowledge of each other, and of the creed and rules. The generous gift of a hundred copies of Peloubet's Hymn Book for prayer-meeting and Sunday-school use, made by one of the officers of the church, proved a valuable means of grace. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed. The church united with the Baptists and Methodists in holding special meetings for three months. During the closing month Rev. E. A. Whittier, the evangelist, rendered very valuable service. Sixty or seventy persons were led to Christ. Many, already at the door, entered into the kingdom, especially of the very young. Five little girls, whose examination was altogether satisfactory, were received to the Congregational church, each of them the grandchild or great-grandchild of some godly minister now gone to his reward.

The fifteen churches of *Oxford Conference* are nearly all small, but during the past year 11 of them have had regular preaching. Considering the disadvantages under which some of them labor, it is a little remarkable that in every year but one of the last decade, they have reported a gain in membership. This year they have lost 26, and received 41, a gain of fifteen. I think one reason of this, is the Conference Mission work, which they have sustained for several years. It benefits equally those who give and those who receive.

Of the 17 churches of *Union Conference*, only eight have preaching all the year round, but all (with possibly the exception of Sweden) have maintained services part of the time. So far as indicated by figures, the results of the year's work are less favorable than those of some former years. Only five churches report accessions by confession, four by letter. Eleven churches had no accessions. Twenty-two were received by confession, five by letter, total 27; removals 59; net loss 32. Of the removals, however, 23 represent names dropped from the church in Lovell, of long standing absentees. Seven churches have parsonages, varying in value from \$700 to \$2,500. Five at least of the church edifices have received repairs more or less extensive. The churches in Fryeburg, and Stowe and Chatham received some quickening during a series of revival meetings held a week in each place by workers from the Young Men's Christian Association of New Hampshire. Extra meetings were held for more than three weeks at South Bridgton, the pastor being assisted by Mr. J. T. Quimby, of Thetford, Vt. As a result, the church has received some accessions. Of the \$647 given for benevolent objects, \$416 came from three churches, those of North Bridgton, South Bridgton and Waterford. The reporter wisely calls attention to the fact that those churches which have some systematic plan of giving, and whose pastors present the various objects of benevolence with regularity, secure the largest contributions. This Conference now has fewer names by one hundred and thirty on the rolls of its churches than in 1880. The discouragements are great, and call for the efficient aid of the Home Missionary Society. But the brethren of these churches are resolutely planning to do their part. At the meeting of the Conference last week, an executive committee was appointed to have charge of special evangelistic work for the coming year. Over \$200 was pledged on the spot for carrying it out, and all

the churches present, through their delegates, pledged themselves to do their proportion. May the grace of Christ be with them.

To *Cumberland North Conference* this has been a prosperous year. Eleven of the twenty-one churches have been visited by a special outpouring of the Spirit. The additions on confession of faith are one hundred and forty-one, against eighty-four last year. The total additions are one hundred and seventy-eight; total removals two hundred and one. This great number of removals is due to the fact that Pine street church, Lewiston, has put one hundred and four absent members on the suspended list, and reports them as removed by discipline. If we make allowance for this, the additions of the year are eighty-one more than the removals. There is a small gain in the Sunday-schools, and the benevolent contributions. South Freeport makes the excellent record that besides building and paying for a new church, at a cost of \$3,890, the people contribute to benevolent objects \$55 more than last year. Four valued pastors have closed their work in the Conference,—Bros. J. Torrey, F. W. Sanborn, R. Wickett, and F. D. Kelsey. The characteristic feature of the work of the Conference has been the mutual help which the pastors and churches have given each other. A series of meetings has been held with the churches at Sixth street, Auburn, Cumberland Center, North Yarmouth, West Auburn, Pownal, South Freeport, and Mechanicsville. Where there was a pastor, he took the general lead; where no pastor, the committee appointed by the Conference. Meetings were begun at Sixth street, Auburn, in December. On four evenings of two successive weeks there was preaching by neighboring pastors, and the work of grace has continued to the present time, with frequent conversions. Forty-nine were received to the church on confession of faith June 7th. A praying band of some twenty young men has been organized. They hold weekly meetings of various kinds, and go out occasionally to other places. The church has shown that it believes in works as well as prayer, by increasing the pastor's salary from \$600 to \$1000. At Cumberland Center a most delightful work of grace has been enjoyed, quiet and gentle as the falling of the dew. Thus have the long and faithful labors of Bro. Perry been rewarded. About forty persons gave evidence of conversion, of whom sixteen have been already received to the church. A mission Sunday-school of fifty members has been started, and there is a very great increase of spiritual life and activity

among the whole membership of the church. The pastor thus sums up the lessons of this happy experience: "1. Patient work will tell. Seven-eighths of those interested had been trained in the Sunday-school, and had been attendants upon public worship. 2. Our great hope is with the young. 3. Neighboring pastors may very profitably help each other. 4. Thank God and take courage. Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Extra meetings were held at North Yarmouth, with excellent results. At West Auburn, though the church was without a pastor, and the extra meetings were held at a time of severe cold, the church was greatly quickened, and some hopefully converted. At Pownal, some who had indulged a weak and trembling hope in Christ were enabled to take a public stand. The meetings at South Freeport and Mechanic Falls were attended by unmistakable signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pine street church, Lewiston, has been blessed with a quiet, substantial work of grace. Eleven have joined it by confession. Union evangelistic services have been held in Auburn, conducted by Rev. S. H. Pratt and Mr. R. M. Birdsall. The people will not soon forget Mr. Birdsall's songs, nor Mr. Pratt's Bible readings. Several hundred persons have expressed their purpose to enter upon the new life in Christ Jesus. At Bowdoin College, the religious work, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, has been maintained with increasing interest. No general religious revival has occurred, but sobriety and morality have characterized the students.

*Cumberland Conference* contains twenty-two churches,—Plymouth church in Portland, formed in 1869, has discontinued its organization. Much of divine influence has been in the churches. Every church but three in the entire Conference has received accessions by confession of faith. Cumberland Mills has received by confession, thirty-six, Baldwin and Gorham each fourteen; Cape Elizabeth First and the Second Portland each thirteen. The total additions by confession are one hundred and fifty-five, by letter ninety-six, in all two hundred and fifty-one. Removals, one hundred and thirty-two; net gain, one hundred and nineteen. Sixty-five children have been consecrated to God in baptism. Contributions show an increase of \$2,555. A revival of great depth and power has been enjoyed at Cumberland Mills. The church in Gorham received blessing during the winter through a series of preaching services by neighboring pastors. The Conference has

nourished the loss by death of Rev. Luther Wiswall, for the past thirty-one years pastor at Windham, at the age of eighty-six. He was a plain man, of much originality, wit and power, brotherly in his sympathies, thoroughly consecrated to his work. His affectionate, faithful people will never forget that Lord's Day, two weeks before his death, when he stood in their presence at the Communion table,—telling them that he felt it would be the last time. The Lord give us many such men to feed the flocks in our hill towns. It is a pleasant fact to be noted, that Father Wiswall made the gift to his loved parish of the house he had occupied as a parsonage. This makes seven parsonages owned by the churches of Cumberland Conference.

To our brethren of *York Conference*, the year, while not characterized by great progress, has been better than years past, and has deepened hope for the future. Fourteen churches have received accessions by confession of faith. The total number of additions is one-hundred and four; removals, ninety-five, leaving a net gain of nine. There is also some gain over last year in the Sunday-schools, the families attending worship, and the contributions. Still the reporter remarks, "There is no church in the Conference which has adopted a thoroughly systematic method of benevolent contributions." Seventeen of the twenty-eight churches own parsonages—a proportion exceeding that of any other Conference in the state. Three churches, Cornish, and Kennebunkport First, and South, have enjoyed marked revival interest.

This closes the record of individual Conferences. The summary of the General Conference is as follows. Our reported number of ministers is one hundred and seventy-three, of whom forty-seven are pastors, ninety-one acting pastors, and thirty-five without charge. There are also thirteen licentiates. Our churches number two-hundred and forty-eight, one new one having been organized this year. Forty-eight of these are supplied by installed pastors, one hundred and three by acting pastors, and eighty-five are reported vacant. The number of actual vacancies is not quite so large, for some churches are so reported which have preaching part of the year. The membership of our churches is,—males, six thousand one hundred and one; females, fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-five; total, twenty-one thousand and eighty six; of whom four thousand five hundred and eighty-two are absent. The additions to the church have been, by confession of faith, six hundred and

ninety-one ; by letter, three hundred and thirty-six ; total, one thousand and twenty-seven. The removals, by death, four hundred and twenty-five ; by dismission, three hundred and forty-five ; by discipline, one hundred and fifty-five ; total, nine hundred and ten. The gains exceed the losses by one hundred and two. This, however, does not fairly represent the actual gain, for the Pine St. church, Lewiston, dropped one hundred and four absent members from their roll, and the church in Lovell twenty-two. Making allowance for this, the additions exceed the ordinary removals by two hundred and twenty-eight. The additions by confession this year are larger than in any year since eighteen hundred and seventy-nine. Seven Conferences this year make a net gain in membership :—Aroostook of four ; Cumberland, one hundred and nineteen ; Franklin, ten ; Hancock, two ; Kennebec, sixteen ; Oxford, fifteen ; Piscataquis, forty-five ; York, nine. Eight suffer a net loss :—Cumberland North, twenty-three ; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, thirty ; Penobscot, one ; Somerset, nine ; Union, thirty-two ; Waldo, nine ; Washington, fourteen. Baptisms of adults, four hundred and eighty, which is one hundred and eleven more than last year. Infant baptisms, one hundred and thirty-eight, which is fifteen less. I am thankful to say, however, as an indication that we are not wholly declining in the use of this sacred rite of household consecration, that the infant baptisms of this year exceed those of any of the five years from eighteen seventy-nine to eighteen eighty-three. The number of pupils reported in the Sunday-schools is twenty-two thousand six hundred and twenty. Number of families in the congregations, fifteen thousand three hundred and nine.

The contributions to benevolent objects are as follows : To Foreign Missions, \$10,857,—\$111 less than last year. For College and Education,—\$1,016, which is \$412 more. To the Congregational Union, \$1,599—\$15 more. To Home Missions, \$10,238—\$675 less. To the American Missionary Association, \$4,620—\$192 more. To the Congregational Publishing Society, \$220—\$417 less. To other objects, \$15,552, which is \$3,019 more. Total benevolent gifts, \$44,102,—a gain of \$2,525 over last year. Home Expenditures are \$218,260.

What, then, brethren, is the special message of our Lord to us at this hour, as we look out upon our work ?

One, and I believe the most immediately pressing demand, is the larger development of the spirit of *mutual help among the churches*. Churches and pastors in the same local Conference must help each other. The stronger Conferences must help the weaker. We pastors

must make our people realize the destitutions of our own State, and the duty of the strong to help. Not in the narrow, but in the enterprising and Christian sense, we must have the denominational spirit. We must not be satisfied unless our churches in every part of the State are doing the best work for the Master. There can be no doubt that this spirit of mutual helpfulness is growing. As I have before stated, four at least of the Conferences, Oxford, Union, Lincoln and Sagadahoc, and Cumberland North, have formed systematic plans for carrying it out. Let us bring it up at the next meeting of every local Conference. At the same time, the work in the more sparsely settled Counties must be done by the Maine Missionary Society. Says Bro. Harlow, "We need a *systematic* school-house evangelism." Who can doubt it? Let us seek so to develop this spirit of brotherhood, that no church in any quarter of the State shall fail to share its benefits.

Then too, brethren, as year after year I have studied the reports from the churches, I have been growingly impressed with this, that to succeed, we must believe in both the *evangelistic* and the *educational* departments of our work. Some Christian men, by temperament and training, are all for evangelism. Unless we can tell of mighty revivals, it seems to them that the church is dying. Other Christian men are all for education. They dread the wild fire of false excitement, and emphasize the need of Christian nurture. The truth is, we must believe equally and zealously in *both* revivals and Christian training. Happy are those churches where there is the most constant, uniform evidence of the presence of the Master. Happy a pastor who can say as did Dr. Goodell, of St. Louis, recently, "Only one communion in our church in twelve years has failed of additions." Yet he adds, that even in that church, "the spring garnerings have been the largest." There is a blessing in these *special* ingatherings, and we give thanks that some of our churches have enjoyed them this year. May every Pastor and Church in this Conference soon know the refreshment of this mighty work of the Divine Spirit. And to secure it, what other means can we use than that mentioned by the pastor from whom I just quoted, when he says, "The preaching has been the earnest lifting up of the cross of Christ for the redemption of men."

But it is just as important, that we be faithful to the *educational* side of our work. There are brethren here, who remember that a few years since some parts of our State were visited by very powerful revivals, in

which thousands professed to consecrate themselves to Christ. Yet in quite a number of those churches since, there has been little proof of growth in the elements of strength. Where are the intelligent, enterprising, giving Christians who should have been the result of such a work?

Let no pastor who is faithfully instructing his people in Christian truth and Christian living think that his labor is vain. Let no faithful parent or Sunday-school teacher deem his efforts fruitless.

Brethren, I give it as the testimony I desire most to emphasize, from my study of our churches, that God blesses steadfast *faithfulness*. He blesses the wise, thorough, believing use of the ordinary means of grace. The churches which are truly strong, whether large or small, in city or country, are those which are training the people to a genuinely *Christian home life*. They are those which are securing a home life which is intelligent, formative of character, Christian in all its developments. The effective churches are those which are training the people to intelligent interest in all Christ's work in the world. I could name a number of very small churches in the State, which are systematic and zealous in contributing to all our chief benevolent objects. And in every instance I can see proof of the beneficial, invigorating effect upon them. There are others of our feeble churches, and even some which are not feeble, which neglect giving, and they show the deplorable loss of spiritual power thus suffered. Train the children. Teach the truths of God's word with thoroughness. Work and give for Christ's kingdom. Be sure that God will bless the *faithful* souls.

Do you say, these are *slowly* acting influences. They do not meet the immediate, present need. Of course they are slow. All the mightiest, most wholesome formative forces are slow.

The *divine* methods are chiefly slow and gradual.

But *without* these forces of training, the quicker methods run into mere superficiality.

In the past, the characteristic thing about our Congregational Churches has been this thorough training. Hence these churches have developed so many strong, stable, influential *characters*. Let us go home, then, placing a new value on what we can do by every day Christian influence. You remember that Mr. Moody's noble schools at Northfield, were first suggested by his observing two poor, but industrious girls sitting in the doorway of a humble home at work. To help



such girls to an education, he first built a small addition to his own homestead, where they might receive instruction. When we go home, instead of saying, I wish Mr. Moody could be here; then we should have a revival, let us each say, *I* will do what I can, I will be a worker with God. Don't close the door of any of the little churches. Don't despise what you can do, if only you do it in the name of Christ.

Thus working, we may look for the mighty, blessed power of the Holy Spirit, without which all our work is vain. Then shall the church arise and shine, her light being come, and the glory of the Lord being risen upon her.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the Year ending May 3, 1885.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten.

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AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)			Home Ex- penditures.		Benevolent Contribu- tions. (Dollars.)										Clerk of Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of worship erected	Salary of Minister including value of use of parsonage.	All Parish expenses including salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. B. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.	Total.		
Caribou.....	(1)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Samuel Taylor.	
Carroll and Springfield...	(1)	.....	.....	.....	.....	(2)	610	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	M. Casson (Union.)	
Fort Fairfield.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	1860	800	600	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	10	Hiram Stevens, Carroll.	
Houlton.....	8000	.....	.....	.....	* 1839	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	Mrs. George B. Page.	
Island Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	Albion Merriman.....	
Lee.....	(1)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Seth H. Riggs.....	
Pasadunkeng.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	J. W. Landon, p. h.....	
Patten.....	4500	.....	.....	.....	1865	400	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	Leroy Miles.....	O. O. Stewart (Union.)
Presque Isle.....	4000	.....	.....	.....	1863	1150	1250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	Dea. Cha. F. A. Johnson.....	Luther B. Rogers.
Shermad.....	2500	1500	.....	.....	1870	350	250	*	0	3	14	0	0	0	27	Charles Jackman.....	George Williams.
Ten.	22000	1500	.....	.....	.....	3100	3920	24	0	12	91	15	5	21	168		Dea. Frank M. Caldwell.

(1.) Meeting House built 1862, for C. S. and Lee, cost \$5000—sold in 1884 for \$300.

(2.) Part of salary of each is provided for by the Maine Missionary Society.

\*Removed and remodeled, 1879. Rebuilt, 1882.

# CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.										Ch. Members May 3, 1885.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.			Families, May 3, 1885.			
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Rabiah School.	Whole No. May 3, 1885.
Portland.	Baldwin.....	1821 May 16	David S. Hibbard.....	A. P. 1860, July 1	1864, Dec. 1	1865, June 1	15	36	51	2	14	0	14	1	1	0	2	14	0	35	70
	Cape Elizabeth, First.....	1734 Sept. 10	James Edward Atkins.....	Lic. 1885, June 1	1885, June 1	1885, June 1	21	54	75	18	13	2	13	1	0	2	8	0	150	175	
	Cape Elizabeth, Ligonla.....	1869 Mar. 14	Richard Abbott.....	Lym 1884, Nov. 1	1884, Nov. 1	1884, Nov. 1	14	25	39	2	0	0	0	4	9	13	0	8	16	16	
	Cum'd Mills, Warren Ch.....	1869 Sept. 30	Edgar M. Cousins.....	P. 1890, June 9	1884, June 12	1884, June 12	62	118	180	24	36	15	61	4	7	0	11	23	1	460	
	Deering, First.....	1765 Apr. 8	Vacant.....	P. 1880, Nov. 4	1885, Apr. 22	1885, Apr. 22	1	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Deering, Woodford's Cor.....	1882 Sept. 4	Charles A. Marsh.....	P. 1880, Nov. 4	1885, Apr. 22	1885, Apr. 22	57	110	167	26	9	9	18	3	0	6	1	0	237		
	Falmouth, First.....	1753 June	Vacant.....	A. P. 1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	1869, Jan. 1	26	64	90	15	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	0	75	70	
	Falmouth, Second.....	1830 Sept. 16	William H. Haskell.....	A. P. 1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	1869, Jan. 1	73	184	257	73	14	3	17	4	11	0	15	9	220		
	Gorham.....	1750 April 4	Henry S. Huntington.....	P. 1873, Nov. 20	1883, Oct. 17	1883, Oct. 17	142	443	585	76	13	19	32	6	4	0	10	4	675		
	High Street.....	1831 Sept. 9	Charles H. Daniels.....	P. 1899, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	1866, July 25	102	296	398	84	6	11	10	3	0	13	5	0	280		
	Fourth.....	1835 Aug. 7	William H. Penn, D. D.....	A. P. 1861, Dec. 12	1880, Feb. 15	1880, Feb. 15	3	11	14	4	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	70		
	Bethel.....	1840 Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.....	P. 1867, Oct. 28	1866, June 11	1866, June 11	31	39	70	26	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	100		
	State Street.....	1852 Mar. 17	Frank T. Bayley.....	P. 1873, Sept. 13	1883, Apr. 12	1883, Apr. 12	128	288	416	36	8	7	15	4	2	0	6	4	330		
	St. Lawrence Street.....	1858 Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.....	P. 1866, Nov. 1	1871, Apr. 19	1871, Apr. 19	77	136	213	47	7	2	9	4	3	1	8	4	300		
West.....	1862 Sept. 17	Eddy T. Pitts.....	P. 1882, Feb. 8	1884, Nov. 6	1884, Nov. 6	30	66	96	35	9	5	14	0	3	0	3	7	6			
Saccarappa.	Plymouth.....	1869 Dec. 27	Church voted to disband.....	P. 1867, July 18	1883, Dec. 13	1883, Dec. 13	55	142	198	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200		
	Williston.....	1873 Feb. 6	Leavitt H. Hallock.....	P. 1867, July 18	1883, Dec. 13	1883, Dec. 13	108	244	352	25	9	13	22	3	9	3	15	5	401		
	Saccarappa.....	1832 Jan. 17	Edward E. Bacon.....	P. 1877, Sept. 13	1881, Jan. 12	1881, Jan. 12	42	118	160	11	2	4	6	2	1	0	3	0	230		
	Scarboro.....	1798 June 26	Guatavus W. Jones.....	A. P. 1869, May 27	1882, Oct. 15	1882, Oct. 15	20	46	66	11	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	0	72		
	Standish.....	1834 Feb. 6	Richard S. Whidden.....	A. P. 1870, Nov. 19	1882, May 28	1882, May 28	11	40	51	8	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	70		
	Windham.....	1743 Dec. 11	Robert J. Kyle.....	Lic. 1885, June 1	1885, June 1	1885, June 1	15	41	56	15	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	44		
Twenty-two.						1090	2574	3664	604	155	190	251	50	57	15	132	100	505	1500		

MINUTES.

(1.) Harry C. McKnight, s. p. from June 1, 1885.

CUMBERLAND COURT PARISH: SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)			House of Worship erected	Home Ex- penditures.			Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)					Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday school.			
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.		Indebtedness.	House of Worship	Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses In- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.								
									College and Ed. Society.	American Congl Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.			Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.	Total.
Baldwin.....	2500				1877	200	400	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	Mrs E. A. Richardson.	
Cape Elizabeth, First.....	7000		7500		(1) 1794	800	950	15	0	0	20	0	0	0	35	Mrs. Margaret Flint, Portland.	
Cape Elizabeth, Ligonia.....	5000				1871		195	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	John H. Davies.	William O. Lewis, Portland.
Cumberland Mills.....	10000				1869	1500	1837	113	60	30	179	68	15	28	433	Dea. James Graham.	Erwin B. Newcomb.
Deering, First.....	15000							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. Hiram H. Dow, Portland	
Deering, Woodfords.....	15000				1871-2	1200	1800	99	15	0	117	22	15	49	317	Frederic N. Chapman.	Hubbard H. Nereus.
Falmouth, First.....	1800				1841	600	700	23	0	0	20	0	0	0	63	Wm. P. Merrill, W. Falmouth	Daniel W. Lunt.
Falmouth, Second.....	4000	1000			1833	200	780	19	0	0	0	27	0	15	63	Henry L. Wake.	Peter N. Mackley.
Gorham.....	8000	2000	1900		1797	1600	2500	324	41	54	225	155	0	142	941	Stephen Hinckley.	John A. Mackley.
Second Parish.....	80000				1875	2500	4200	438	45	32	155	175	29	1598	2406	F. D. Winslow.	Roscoe W. Turner.
High Street.....	40000				(2) 1832		6700	790	20	275	919	100	0	1802	4056	Richard Abbott.	Richard Abbott.
Fourth, Abyssinian.....	9000				1828		357	2	0	0	10	0	0	2	17	Rev. John G. Wilson.	Alfred F. Gluck.
Bellevue.....	13500		4000		1867	1000	1500	183	0	24	57	46	0	102	412	Rev. Francis Southworth.	John M. Gluck.
State Street.....	40000		2000		1853	4000	7500	779	203	50	1041	380	50	4426	6223	Edward P. Oxford.	Benjamin Thomson.
St. Lawrence Street.....	8000				1858	1300	2100	57	143	0	28	14	0	0	357	George W. Buffum.	John C. Roberts.
West Church.....	7000		2000		1860	1100	1300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miss Adriana M. Carlton.	T. F. Jeffers.
Williston ..	31475				1878	2500	6584	211	0	101	225	51	0	917	1205	Lyman D. Nelson.	Edwin J. Haskell.
Sacacoppa.....	12000				1833	1200	1800	102	16	3	113	69	2	125	419	Franklin Aggs.	Simon Libbey.
Earleth.....	1500	1600			1844	700	800	87	0	30	24	62	0	4	203	Dea. Harlan P. Murch.	Parker F. Faine.
Stanhish.....	2000		563		1833	750	1350	97	0	0	16	10	0	0	44	Rev. Henry G. Storer.	Joseph W. Doughty.
Windham.....	800	700	800		1834	500	547	12	0	0	20	12	0	0	45	Miss Abby M. Lowell.	
Twenty-one.	291575	53000	12763	2000		21700	44000	3248	857	699	3183	1250	106	9110	18082		

(1.) Two houses of worship,—North ch., 1734; rebuilt, 1835. South ch., 1801. (2.) Re-built, 1869; re-modeled, 1879.

Of this amount \$50 contribution in the Sunday school.

Of this amount, \$50 from the children for "Morning Star."

James E. Atkins, Supt. S. S. South ch.

## CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.						Church Members May 3, 1885.					Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Baptized—Adults.		Baptized—Infants.		Sabbath School.		Families, May 3, 1885.		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licensee.	Ordained.	Installed, or present.	Males.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Disipline.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
						Permittees.	Installs.																				
Auburn, High Street.....	1826, Feb. 8	Henry C. Westwood, D. D.	P.	1856, Mar. 9	1853, Dec. 3	156	282	438	90	12	6	18	4	0	8	6	1	275	260								
Auburn, Sixth Street.....	1875, Sept. 16	Lauriston Reynolds.....	A. P.	1876, Sept. 16	1875, June 1	40	62	102	29	26	2	28	0	1	23	6	200	150									
Auburn, West.....	1844, Apr. 30	Richard C. Stanley.....	A. P.	Licensee.	1884, Oct. 1	24	56	93	48	2	5	10	0	0	0	0	28	28									
Brunswick.....	1747, Jan. 17	William F. Fisher.....	A. P.	1873, Feb. 2	1874, Oct. 22	52	181	233	53	2	5	10	0	15	1	1	170	200									
Cumberland.....	1798, Sep. 3	Freeman S. Perry.....	A. P.	1873, June 18	1874, July 26	46	91	137	24	16	4	20	0	7	13	1	135	100									
Durham.....	1776, Nov. 9	George W. Gould.....	A. P.	.....	1853, May 1	70	110	159	6	8	0	3	1	0	3	0	46	30									
Freeport.....	1789, Dec. 21	Preston B. Wing.....	A. P.	1880, Jan. 23	1879, May 26	40	108	148	20	6	12	1	0	2	0	0	142	150									
Freeport, South.....	1837, July 9	Collins G. Burnham.....	A. P.	1876, Dec. 10	1880, Oct. 10	28	75	103	29	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	13	60									
Gray.....	1806, Oct. 2	Everez Bean.....	A. P.	1862, Mar. 25	1877, Feb. 1	26	40	66	28	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	18	47									
Harpwell.....	1783.....	John Dinmore.....	A. P.	1862, Mar. 25	1877, Feb. 1	24	61	75	23	0	8	0	1	0	1	0	58	47									
Lewiston, Pine St.....	1834, Aug. 8	George M. Howe.....	A. P.	1874, July 8	1884, May 11	23	178	201	25	11	5	16	7	14	104	125	1	273	355								
Mechanic Falls.....	1840, Nov. 9	Charles A. White.....	A. P.	1874, July 8	1884, May 11	12	42	54	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	65									
Minot Centre.....	1791, Sept. 3	Lauriston Reynolds.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 3	1883, Feb. 1	25	67	85	24	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	40	28									
Minot West and Hebron	1802, Oct. 8	Charles A. White.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 16	1879, Sept. 21	7	23	30	5	13	0	3	0	0	3	0	170	120									
New Gloucester.....	1766, Jan. 16	Vacant.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 3	1884, Jan. 1	67	130	197	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87									
North Yarmouth.....	1806, Sept. 30	John B. Carruthers.....	A. P.	1883, June 12	1884, Jan. 6	39	56	95	23	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	30	30								
Poland.....	1826, Nov. 2	Charles A. White.....	A. P.	1873, Sept. 3	1883, Apr. 1	5	15	20	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	39								
Pownall.....	1811, Mar. 20	Vacant.....	A. P.	.....	.....	12	40	52	22	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	30	30								
Turner.....	1803, Oct. 3	Richard H. McGown.....	A. P.	1882, Mar. 17	1882, Nov. 1	38	48	86	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	35								
Yarmouth, First.....	1730, Nov. 18	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	68	172	240	40	4	3	7	8	2	0	10	3	150	110								
Yarmouth, Central.....	1850, Apr. 27	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	18	33	51	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	74								
Twenty-one.						833	1762	2206	564	141	137	178	47	50	104	201	107	34	2801	1866							

CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE. Second Table.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)		Home Ex- penditures.	Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)							Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday school.					
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sileas.	Parsonage.		Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of Worship erected											
						Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses in- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society	American Cong'l Union.			Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.	Total.
Auburn, High Street	25000	6000	.....	5000	1858	3000	4642	446	29	48	250	77	5	738	1684	W. A. Robinson.	Henry P. Norman.
Auburn, Sixth Street	2500	.....	.....	.....	1874	1000	1400	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	30	F. A. Haskell.	W. S. Larrabee.
Auburn, West	2500	.....	.....	.....	1846	1250	1250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	Henry M. Packard.	Samuel W. Gros.
Brunswick	14000	.....	800	.....	1847	1600	2410	388	67	18	211	195	17	170	1068	John Furush	Prof. John Avery.
Cumberland	3000	1500	.....	.....	1798	800	1000	81	0	41	38	40	0	0	200	Rev. Truman S. Perry	Edward B. Osgood.
Durham	900	.....	2700	.....	1833	150	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wm. Y. Osgood.	Sec. Durham.
Freeport.	12000	2500	.....	.....	1810	1150	1250	34	0	0	60	19	0	50	163	Rev. Preston B. Wing	James H. Everett.
Freeport, South	4000	650	.....	.....	1884	700	4715	98	0	0	80	38	0	0	223	Rev. Orlando Hiley	William A. Davis.
Gray	2000	.....	.....	.....	1820	700	800	7	0	0	30	5	0	0	66	William C. Cummings	George F. Fogg.
Harpwell	2000	.....	.....	.....	1843	500	510	12	0	0	23	5	0	0	56	William C. Eaton	John Merrill.
Marlston, Pine St.	75000	6000	.....	1000	1867	2500	4000	66	20	0	123	41	0	309	Frederic B. Sands	Paul C. Randall.	
Mechanic Falls.	3000	.....	.....	.....	1849	600	700	43	0	0	24	11	0	4	85	Edward F. Stevens	John K. Randall.
Minot Centre.	2500	.....	1040	.....	1846	225	343	40	0	0	26	11	0	0	77	Dea. W. S. Shaw.	J. D. Holt, M. D.
Minot West and Hebron	1200	.....	.....	.....	1855	225	255	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	13	Dea. W. S. Shaw.	Auburn.
Minot	7000	2000	4673	230	1839	1200	1500	108	0	0	81	66	0	18	304	William Lowell.	W. Minot.
New Gloucester	5000	1000	.....	.....	1839	900	980	12	8	0	13	0	0	10	62	Barker Holt	Greenleaf Millet.
New York	1000	.....	.....	.....	1839	900	980	12	8	0	13	0	0	10	62	E. O. Merrill	Joseph E. Bailey.
Poland	1500	1000	200	.....	1811	.....	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	A. A. Pulsifer	Rev. Charles A. White.
Powder	3000	1000	.....	.....	1826	750	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	Asor Mitchell.	E. N. Yarmouth
Turner	20000	1200	3000	500	1867	1200	2000	183	0	15	56	44	0	22	320	Herbert F. Dresser.	S. Turner.
Yarmouth	8000	.....	.....	.....	1859	1250	1250	39	0	0	10	35	0	0	75	M. C. Merrill	J. T. Cushing.
Yarmouth	20520	23850	20263	0730	17300	30785	507	120	122	1073	626	22	1828	4891	E. D. Freeman.	Dea. S. B. Boule.	
Yarmouth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rarnabus Freeman.

Twenty-one.

\*Remodeled, 1872. †Remodeled, 1898.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Ch. Members May 3, 1885.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.
Farmington.....	1814, Oct. 14	Charles H. Pope.....	P.	1845, July 27	1883, Feb. 25	77	155	232	59	11	7	15	2	1	3	0	150	150
Farmington Falls.....	1859, Mar. 3	John W. H. Baker.....	A. P.	1895, June 20	1884, Apr. 1	8	29	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	21
Industry.....	1808, July 6	Vacant.....				14	17	31	10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	740	30
New Sharon.....	1801, Feb. 11	Vacant.....				38	72	110	36	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	63	55
New Vineyard.....	1828, Sept. 3	Vacant.....				9	10	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	763	12
Phillips.....	1822, Oct. 9	John B. Wheelwright* ..	A. P.	1831, Oct. 16	1881, June 1	10	19	29	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7100	30
Strong.....	1810, Mar. 3	Olin H. Tracy.....	Lic.	1884, Sept. 21	1884, Sept. 21	31	52	83	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	39
Temple.....	1805, Sept. 10	Samuel York.....	Lic.	Layman..	1884.....	22	38	60	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	36
Wald.....	1809, Aug. 17	Vacant.....				13	20	33	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	130	13
Wilton.....	1819, Feb. 16	Frederick Newport.....	A. P.	1883, Jan. 30	1885, Mar. 1	27	57	84	35	1	4	5	4	2	0	0	80	40
Ten.						249	499	718	197	12	13	25	10	5	15	4	700	496

\*Closed labors May 31, 1885.

† Union School.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.



FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.—SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Home Ex- penditures.	Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)							Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.			
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.		House of Worship erected	Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses in- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.			Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.
Farmington .....	9000	4000	0	0	1836	1400	1453	168	8	22	153	69	0	96	626	Dea. Joseph P. Thwing.....	J. Warren Merrill
Farmington Falls .....	2000	0	0	0	1879	* 200	250	0	0	5	7	5	0	0	23	Mrs. Julia G. Brown.....	E. B. Watson.
Industry .....	1200	0	0	0	1829	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	William M. Bryant.....	William J. Rackliff.
New Sharon .....	3000	800	0	0	1844	550	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. H. Wymad.....	Dea. H. Wymad.
New Vineyard .....	1000	0	0	0	1835	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	John McLean.....	Samuel H. Luce.
Phillips .....	3000	0	0	0	1835	200	254	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	Miss Cornelia T. Crosby.....	Prof. H. E. Brackett.
Strong .....	1200	0	25	0	1847	550	550	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	J. M. Kempton.....	George Webster.
Temple .....	2000	0	0	0	1830	135	135	8	0	0	5	0	0	0	24	Dea. H. L. Samson.....	Dea. Silas Wilder.
Weld .....	1500	0	0	0	1855	.....	.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. Timothy H. Fry.....	Abiel Holt.
Wilton .....	4500	1200	700	0	1869	700	1150	25	4	0	31	7	0	0	73	Edward P. Packard.....	Dea. N. W. Sewall.
Ten.	28700	6000	725	0		3725	4394	227	12	40	226	72	0	97	674		

\*For half the year coupled with New Sharon.

†For half the time.

‡For half the time coupled with Wilton.

Dea. Joseph P. Thwing.....  
 Mrs. Julia G. Brown.....  
 William M. Bryant.....  
 Dea. H. Wymann.....  
 John McLean.....  
 11 Miss. Cornelia T. Crosby.....  
 J. M. Kempton.....  
 Dea. H. L. Samson.....  
 Dea. Silas Wilder.....  
 Dea. Timothy H. Fry.....  
 Dea. N. W. Sewall.....

HANCOCK CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Home Ex- penditures.				Benevolent Contribu- tions. (Dollars.)						Clerk of Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.
	House of Worship, Chapel and Site.	Parnsonage.	Funds excluding Parnsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of worship erected	Salary of Minister including value of use of parsonage.	All Parish expenses including parsonage.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.		
Amherst and Aurora....	800	900	0	0	1835	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Charles Silaby, Aurora
Bar Harbor.....	6000	4500	.....	3500	1883	1200	1400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	John H. Prosser
Bethell.....	8000	4000	300	0	1843	900	1000	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	43	Samuel B. Johnson
Brooksville, West....	2000	800	0	0	1855	500	575	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	Mrs. George N. Farrham
Bucksport.....	8000	2500	1500	400	1840	1350	1600	100	0	0	0	0	240	0	320	Silas F. Adams M. D.
Buckton.....	10000	2000	3800	0	1868	900	1002	35	0	0	0	5	0	0	50	Albert F. Foster
Castine.....	1000	1500	0	60	.....	700	763	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	Frederic W. Foster
Deer Isle, First ch....	2520	0	0	.....	1858	260	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	Dea. Joseph Sanders
Deer Isle, Second ch....	8000	.....	.....	.....	1820	.....	1400	165	0	0	0	36	0	0	378	Franklin Closson, No. D. Isle
Ellsworth.....	1500	0	0	.....	1856	300	443	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	John H. Brimmer
Isle au Haut.....	2000	0	5000	0	1853	600	650	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	E. Babson
Mt. Desert.....	2000	0	250	0	1849	300	350	45	0	0	0	58	0	0	138	Mrs. Eley S. Turner
Oriand.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Leander Page
Pedgwick and Brooksville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. S. Allen, No. Brooksville
Pedgwick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	D. J. Cunningham, Brookline
Tremont.....	3000	0	0	0	.....	600	625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor
Fifteen.	58820	16200	10850	3660	.....	7600	10210	350	4	0	480	125	2	282	1261	

\*Burned. †Building at South-west Harbor. ‡One-fourth of the time.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Thomas P. Williams, of Winslow.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.						Ch. Members May 3, 1885.	Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.				Families, May 3, 1885.							
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 3, 1885.
Augusta.....	1794, Oct. 7	Arthur F. Skeels.....	P.	1882, Feb. 21	1884, Apr. 8	67	188	265	38	15	7	22	6	1	0	0	12	9	0	225	268
Benton.....	1858, July 16	Thomas P. Williams.....	A. P.	1879, Oct. 8	1883, Sept. 1	11	34	45	19	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	50	56
Clinton.....	1858, July 13	Vacant.....				1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Gardiner.....	1859, July 28	Richard W. Jenkins (1)	A. P.	1874, Sept. 15	1884, Jan. 6	36	113	149	38	7	6	13	8	7	0	15	7	0	100	100	
Gardiner, South.....	1883, June 23	Jacob Horton.....	Lic.	.....	1885, Apr. 26	5	9	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
Hallowell.....	1790, Feb. 23	Edward Chase.....	A. P.	1865, Jan. 3	1883, Jan. 17	85	122	197	39	1	4	5	4	3	0	1	1	0	343	343	
Litchfield.....	1811, June 6	Joeliah T. Hawes.....	A. P.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	21	35	66	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	60	
Monmouth.....	1853, May 17	Robert M. Peacock.....	A. P.	1880, June 23	1884, Jan. 6	20	43	63	18	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	
Pittston.....	1812, Nov. 17	William H. McBride.....	Lic.	.....	1886, June 1	7	21	28	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	42	
Ritchmond.....	1827, Feb. 8	William C. Curtis.....	A. P.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, May 24	12	49	61	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	90	
Sidney.....	1829, Feb. 26	Vacant.....				4	4	8	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	80
Riverside.....	1818, July 28	Vacant.....				1	14	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	44
Vassalboro, Adams' Mem.	1883, Mar. 28	Vacant.....	(2)			15	31	46	5	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	65	40
Waterville.....	1828, Aug. 21	Ezra N. Smith.....	A. P.	1872, June 12	1877, July 18	65	135	200	75	4	6	10	2	5	0	7	3	0	175	176	
Winslow.....	1828, Aug. 27	Thomas P. Williams.....	A. P.	1879, Oct. 8	1883, Sept. 1	28	60	88	38	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	50	34	
Winthrop.....	1776, Sept. 4	James B. Hawes.....	P. E.	1876, Nov. 25	1885, Aug. 8	40	102	142	61	3	1	4	2	0	4	2	0	2	0	110	100
Sixteen.						398	961	1329	381	41	31	72	31	25	0	50	33	1	1313	1053	

(1.) Installed Pastor, July 28, 1886. (2.) Frederic G. Chuter, Lic., supplied three months. (3.) Edgar L. Warren, Lic., supplied six months.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Home Ex- penditures. (Dollars.)			Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)						Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.	
	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of Worship erected		Salary of Minister including value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses including Parsonage.	Benevolent Contributions.									
								Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.			Total.
Augusta.....	50000	5000	0	700	1805	2000	14400	448	10	0	890	58	0	118	1504	Dea. Edward A. Nason .....	Dea. George F. Hawes
Benton.....	2000	0	0	0	1825	400	530	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16	16	William K. Lunt
Clinton.....	(1)	6000	0	0	1836	1200	1200	95	0	34	20	0	0	27	100	100	George Perkins (Union)
Gardiner, South.....	21000	3000	3900	6200	1885	500	600	33	0	0	45	0	0	100	180	180	James M. Larabee
Baldwell.....						1200	1200	96	0	0	20	18	0	5	683	683	Greenleaf Lawrence
Litchfield.....	(2)				1856	655	655	8	0	7	10	0	0	17	27	27	J. Edwin Nye
Monmouth.....	1000	0	900	100	1852	600	610	26	-5	23	10	0	0	30	90	90	Daniel T. Smith
Piscataway.....						2265	2265	52	0	0	20	22	0	0	90	90	Joseph G. Gott
Richmond.....								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	E. A. Lapham
Ridney.....	burnt	0	250		1835	75	17	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	11	Arthur D. Thomas
Vassalboro, Riverside.....	2500	0	0	100	1883	800	550	0	3	11	0	0	0	0	14	14	O. P. Robbins
Vassalboro, Adams Mem.....	10000	0	0	214	1835	1000	1400	78	0	0	40	35	0	34	187	187	Edgar M. Dunham
Wasserville.....						11235	11235	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	21	21	Increase Robinson
Windsor.....	5500	2000	500	0	1824	900	1200	25	0	0	40	0	0	60	125	125	John F. Howard
Winthrop.....	98000	10000	5500	7314		8675	17700	700	13	75	1167	133	0	348	2436	2436	Dea. George Packard
Sixteen.																	

(1) Union Meeting-house. (2.) Value of Meeting-house \$2500, others not reported estimated at \$22,000. (3.) Meeting-house \$4000; Chapel \$1500. \*And pledged  
 (1.) land \$15. † Of which, \$200, paid by Riverside; \$300 by Maine Missionary Soc. ‡ Of which, \$280 towards permanent Sunday-school fund; \$700, towards  
 \$400, towards repairs on Meeting-house. § Of which, \$250 for parsonage debt; \$250, for Chapel fund; \$880 for Chapel building; \$283 for Chapel furnishing; \$188, repairs on Meeting-house.  
 Of which, \$825, towards repairing Church and parsonage.

# LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union.

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.						Church Members May 3, 1885.				Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.		Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Families, May 3, 1885.
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Death.	Dismission.					
Alma	1790, Sept. 27	Vacant					9	21	26	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Bath, Winter Street	1795, Dec. 8	Omar W. Folson	P.	1872, Oct. 31	1884, Sept. 16		71	230	301		5	5	2	0	0	18	6	210	145
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	A. Frederic Dannels	P.	1884, Oct. 2	1884, Oct. 2		35	111	146	40	0	2	2	3	4	7	6	100	115
Boothbay, First	1776, July 28	Vacant					6	19	25	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	5
Boothbay, Second	1848, Aug. 1	Lewis D. Evans	A. P.	1875, Jun. 30	1884, April 1		26	52	78	12	3	5	0	0	0	4	0	125	6
Bremen	1829, Mar. 3	John J. Bullfinch	A. P.	1860, May 25	1878, June 6		1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	1796, Aug. 17	Vacant					17	40	57	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	10
Edgcomb	1783, June 4	Charles G. Holyoke	A. P.	1878, Dec. 18	1881, July 1		17	59	76	19	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	50	32
Liabon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant					0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7
Newcastle, First	1799, June 4	Vacant					3	6	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle, Second	1844, May 22	Charles D. Crane	P.	1874, Jun. 11	1884, Sept. 9		56	134	190	38	7	0	7	4	0	4	5	114	114
Philaburg	1765, July 1	Albert N. Jones	A. P.	1872, Feb. 8	1884, Nov. 1		23	57	80	16	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	60
Rockland	1838, Mar. 8	George H. Scott	A. P.	1884, Oct. 1			10	102	112	22	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	190	82
Thompson	1809, Jun. 15	Vacant					18	100	118	30	1	0	1	3	0	5	0	170	75
Union	1789, Jun. 26	Eljah Kellogg	A. P.	1844, Jun. 18	1882, Nov. 1		16	75	91	20	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	80	70
Waldoboro, First	1803, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross	A. P.	1860, Oct. 31	1860, June 1		17	57	74	14	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	88	88
Waldoboro, Second	1807, May 13	Wilbur Rand	A. P.	1883, May 9	1884, Sept. 5		24	67	91	19	0	1	1	6	2	0	65	90	5
Warren	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant					3	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second	1828, Feb. 28	Vacant					64	126	190	50	4	0	4	4	0	8	4	107	100
Washington	1817, Aug. 16	Vacant					4	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	(1)						23	68	91	5	9	1	10	1	0	1	6	80	100
Waldoboro	1773, Aug. 4	Charles M. Fernald	P.	1884, Oct. 14	1884, Oct. 14		23	68	91	5	9	1	10	1	0	1	6	80	100
Waldoboro	1773, Aug. 4	Charles M. Fernald	P.	1884, Oct. 14	1884, Oct. 14		23	68	91	5	9	1	10	1	0	1	6	80	100
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(1.) Held Union Services with Methodists and Baptists.



## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

## OXFORD CONFERENCE, Reported by Mr. Arthur W. Valentine, of Bethel.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.						Ch. Members May 3, 1885.				Added during year.				Removed during year.				Baptized—Adults.				Baptized—Infants.				Whole No. May 3, 1885.				Families, May 3, 1885.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 3, 1885.	Families, May 3, 1885.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		

(1.) Resigned, Dis., June 3, 1885.

(2.) Resigned, Dis., June 2, 1885.

(3.) Resigned, Dis., March 15, 1885.

OXFORD CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)			Home Ex- penditures.		Benevolent Contribu- tions. (Dollars.)							Clerk of Church.	Supt. of Sunday school.
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of worship erected	Salary of Minister including value of use of parsonage.	All Parish expenses including salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.		
Andover.....	1000	1800	400	0	*1810	500	500	25	0	0	12	15	0	53
Berlin Falls, N. H.....	10000	0	0	0	1882	1000	1400	5	2	0	23	7	0	46
Bethel, First.....	3000	0	0	0	1847	800	950	39	0	0	49	16	0	104
Bethel, Second.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700	59	0	0	31	49	0	123
Gilead.....	1200	0	2400	0	1878	500	575	53	0	0	23	9	0	38
Gorham, N. H.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	0	0	0	10	6	0	16
Norway, First.....	6000	0	700	0	1878	900	1150	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
Norway, Second.....	2500	0	400	0	1842	750	800	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Randolph & Gorham Hill (1).....	2000	0	0	0	1883	.....	100	12	0	0	15	0	0	27
Rumford.....	2000	0	0	400	1894	.....	200	0	0	0	8	0	0	13
Shelburne, N. H.....	1000	0	0	0	1885	335	400	0	0	0	4	0	0	6
South Paris.....	5000	0	1250	0	1818	800	1000	46	6	2	45	11	0	110
Sumner.....	2000	0	0	0	1872	.....	400	0	0	0	4	0	0	15
Upton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fifteen.....	36200	1800	5150	1400	.....	5685	8635	189	9	11	251	113	0	597

\*Rebuilt, 1893. †Partially remodelled 1851, an addition in 1860, remodelled 1879. Houses of worship in County not reported value, \$6000. (1.) Report too late for table.—Value of Meeting house, \$1200;—no parsonage, fund, or indebtedness; salary of minister, \$200, of which \$150 from Missionary Society; parish expenditures, \$225.





PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)										Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.	
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of Worship erected	Salary of Minister including value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses including Salary.	Foreign Missions.						Total.			
								Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.				Other Objects.
Bangor, First Church	25000	0	0	0	1830	1500	2400	100	42	50	100	150	0	83	625	Dea. James H. Crosby....	Dea. James H. Crosby.
Bangor, Hammond St. Ch.	30000	0	0	0	1834	2500	4021	170	37	143	323	143	25	1007	1940	Dea. E. F. Duren.....	James W. McClure.
Bangor, Central Church.	20000	0	0	0	1853	2500	4975	394	40	100	225	252	0	1731	2772	Henry S. Brown. ..	Charles Pearl.
Bangor, East.....	2000	0	0	0	1850	300	450	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6	Allen C. Tibbetts....	Eugene A. Mower.
Brewer, First.....	3000	1000	0	0	1828	1100	1314	118	0	14	104	93	0	13	329	Alpheus Robinson....	Manly Hardy.
Brewer, Village.....	3500	1500	1000	600	1846	400	1600	24	2	4	3	1	0	7	64	J. Wyman Phillips....	J. Wyman Phillips.
Burlington.....	1850	0	0	0	1852	509	540	6	0	0	5	10	0	0	32	Miss Mary C. Scammon.....	George M. Page.
Dedham.....	1000	0	0	0	1853	240	253	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Amos S. Moulton.....	Hadley P. Burrill.
Diamond and Plymouth	1500	0	0	0	1835	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	G. H. Thayer, (Plymouth).....	William Kennefott.
Hampden.....	3000	1000	0	0	1840	800	1000	47	4	4	9	12	0	9	85	C. Henry Willey.....	W. H. Conant, (Plymouth.)
Hampden.....	2000	1000	0	0	1829	400	550	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	George C. Wawell.....	William Kennefott.
Kenduskeag.....	1800	0	0	0	1834	130	140	0	0	0	0	5	0	8	56	Dea. B. F. Higginson.....	O. M. Harvey.
Kenduskeag.....	500	0	0	0	1851	240	490	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	Robert R. Ballantyne.....	O. H. Chesley.
Lincoln.....	3500	0	0	1000	1885	180	180	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	H. W. Butler.....	H. W. Butler.
Milford.....	5000	0	0	150	1867	600	700	10	0	5	30	5	0	0	50	Dea. Charles A. Bailey.....	Dea. Charles A. Bailey.
Mild Town.....	3000	0	0	0	1834	725	755	4	5	5	9	4	0	7	24	Dea. Joseph Graves.....	Pres. Merrill C. Fernald.
Old Town.....	1000	0	0	0	1842	350	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	Dea. Thomas B. George.....	Augustus W. Lufkin.
Orrington.....	.....	0	0	0	.....	75	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miss Ida Rogers.....	* Methodist.
Orrington Stillwater.....	.....	0	0	0	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. David S. Howard, p. l. ....	* Union.
Upper Falls.....	1500	0	0	0	1845	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Veale.....	109150	5100	1000	1750	.....	12470	20525	888	130	327	828	714	26	2975	5888		
Eighteen.																	

Church, rebuilt 1850; Hammond St. Ch., rebuilt 1853.  
First 25; Kenduskeag, \$70; Lincoln, \$80; Milford, \$180.  
† Of this sum, from Maine Missionary Soc., for East Bangor, \$87; Burlington, \$250; Dedham, \$90;  
§ Of which, \$1055 for Bangor Y. M. C. A., and \$413 for New  
Holden Commission.

Bangor church, rebuilt 1860; Hammond St. Ch., rebuilt 1853.  
 Bangor, East, rebuilt 1860; Kenduskeag, \$70; Lincoln, \$80; Milford, \$180.  
 † Of this sum, from Maine Missionary Soc., for East Bangor, \$80; Burlington, \$250; Dedham, \$90;  
 ‡ Part for church building in Maine.  
 § Of which, \$1055 for Bangor Y. M. C. A., and \$13 for New  
 West Commission.



# PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.—SECOND TABLE.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)					Home Ex- penditures.	Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)										Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday school.
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of Worship erected		Salary of Minister including value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses including Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Bd. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.	Total.		
Abbot Village.....	1500	0	.....	.....	1876	.....	68	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Washington W. Delano.....	Daniel Kimball.
Atkinson.....	800	0	0	0	1833	62	89	10	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	34	Alvin D. Sturtevant.....	John Jordan, (Union Sch.)
Blanchard.....	2000	1000	0	0	1840	675	740	80	0	0	0	45	105	0	0	287	Enos W. Stokely.....	Joseph B. Packard.
Brownville.....	5000	0	0	837	1879	467	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	Mrs. Chloe P. Barron.....	George Hault.
Dexter.....	11500	3000	0	0	1200	1851	1500	34	0	63	65	0	0	0	0	0	Mrs. D. A. Morehouse.	P. J. Abbott.
Foxcroft and Dover.....	1800	1200	0	0	1837	600	600	26	0	34	5	0	7	0	0	65	Dea. Chas. H. B. Woodbury..	Mrs. D. A. Morehouse.
Garland .....	2500	0	1500	0	1859	600	\$1112	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	Rev. P. B. Tinker.....	Henry Murdock.
Greenville.....	3000	0	1600	0	1831	650	850	26	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	36	Rev. Charles Davison.....	F. L. Sawyer.
Monson.....	0	0	0	0	1843	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S. W. Smith.....	J. E. Goodell.
Sagerville.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. J. Fowler, Brockway A.M.	Josiah S. Folsom. (Union Sch.)
Ten.	28100	5200	3100	2097	3787	7403	290	0	68	182	130	0	0	0	27	667		
Union house.	† Sold for \$800, intend to build anew.																† Rebuilt.	\$ Includes repairs on Meeting-house, \$480.

† Sold for \$800, intend to build anew. ‡ Includes repairs on Meeting-house, \$480.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE, Reported by Hon. Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.						Church Members May 8, 1885.			Added dur'g yr.				Removed dur'g year.				Baptized—Adults.		Baptized—Infants.		Whole No. May 3, 1885.		Families, May 3, 1885.	
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.		Females.		Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.								
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
Anson.....	1804, Apr. 19	Vacant.....	A. P. 1886, July 2	1885, June 1	.....	12	24	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	20		
Anson, North.....	1861, Dec. 22	John L. Evans.....	.....	.....	.....	2	11	13	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	25			
Athens.....	1867, June 6	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	9	20	29	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	60	15			
Bingham.....	1805, July 24	Thomas F. Millet.....	A. P. 1879, Jun. 10	1884, Oct. 14	.....	16	27	43	6	3	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	120	38			
Madison.....	1826, Apr. 25	John L. Evans.....	A. P. 1886, July 2	1885, June 1	.....	34	46	80	14	9	0	0	0	9	2	1	0	3	8	1	150	38				
Madison, East.....	1858, Mar. 24	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	6	12	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10				
Mercer.....	1822, Oct. 30	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	7	21	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10				
New Portland, North.....	1869, May 27	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	8				
Norridgewock.....	1797, Sep. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D. D.,	P. 1838, Aug. 8	1838, Oct. 27	.....	25	60	85	29	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	115	65			
Norridgewock.....	1860, Nov. 1	Almon J. Rackliff.....	P. 1882, Jun. 13	1882, Jun. 13	.....	66	138	194	62	2	1	3	2	8	0	10	2	0	0	220	152					
Skowhegan.....	1842, Jan. 25	Thomas F. Millet.....	A. P. 1879, Jun. 10	1884, Oct. 19	.....	10	20	30	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30					
Solon.....	1806, Sep. 30	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	5					
Solon, South.....	.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	4	13	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	....	80	20			
St. Albans.....	1830, Jun. 29	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	184	401	585	149	15	4	19	13	15	0	28	13	1	1000	422						
Thirteen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	184	401	585	149	15	4	19	13	15	0	28	13	1	1000	422						

(1.) Rev. James B. Hawes supplied six months. (2.) J. Pierpont, *Lic.*, supplied half the time for four months.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Home Ex- penditures.		Benevolent Contribu- tions. (Dollars.)							Clerk of Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.			
	House of Worship, Chapel and Slices.	Parsonage.	Funds excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of worship erected	Salary of Minister In- cluding value of use of parsonage.	All Parish expenses in- cluding salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. B. Pub. Society.			Other Objects.	Total.	
Anson.....	1000	0	0	0	1839	600	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Summer Dinmore.....	F. A. Dinmore.	
Anson, North .....	2000	0	0	0	1844	1500	1500	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	Mrs. Ada Mann.....	Benjamin Adams.	
Athens.....	*1000	0	0	0	1842	350	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	James W. Bixby.....	E. S. Dutton.	
Bingham.....	2500	0	200	0	1836	350	400	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8 T. F. Houghton.....	T. F. Houghton.	
Madison .....	2000	0	1000	0	1844	350	430	14	0	25	0	0	0	0	7	Frank Dinmore.....	Nathan Wood.	
Madison, East.....	2000	0	0	0	1855	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mark Hobart.....	David Hobart.	
Mercer.....	1500	0	0	0	1829	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	Albert J. Downes.....	Fernando Cure, (Union Sch.)	
New Portland, North .....	1500	0	0	0	1854	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Dr. W. H. Stevens.....	Charles A. Wilber.	
Norridgewock .....	3000	0	0	0	1794	500	600	161	0	0	0	40	0	0	250	A. N. Page.....	Albert Wells.	
Norridgewock .....	1500	0	0	0	1862	1200	1600	79 14	28	80	59	0	44	0	304	F. R. Buck.....	Augustus R. Bixby.	
Skowhegan .....	8000	0	4500	.....	1842	200	250	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	Dr. Mortimer Bodwell.....	Stephen Merrill.	
Skowhegan .....	2500	0	200	0	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sybil Jewett.....	Union School.
Solon, South.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	26	Nathaniel Merrill.....	S. A. Maxim.
St. Albans.....	1000	0	0	0	1832	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thirteen.	28000	0	6900/1000	0	2200	5180/275	14	36/192	102	0	69	688	0	0	688	0	0	0

One-half owned by Church and Society, repaired 1864, at expense of \$800, and re-dedicated. Sermon, by Rev. Leonard H. Deane, of Skowhegan.

\*One-half owned by Church and Society, repaired 1854, at expense of \$500, and re-dedicated. Sermon, by Rev. Leonard H. Bean, of Skowhegan.

## UNION CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. William B. Hague, of Bridgton.

MINISTERS.										CHURCHES.										
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Ch. Members May 3, 1885.			Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g yr.			Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 3, 1885.	Families, May 3, 1885.	
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.						Discipline.
Albany.....	1803, Sep. 15	Frank G. Webster.... (1)	Lic.	.....	1855, May 17	12	29	41	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	30	
Bridgton.....	1784, Aug. 26	Thomas M. Davies....	A. P.	.....	1853, May 17	45	122	167	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	90	
Bridgton, North.....	1832, Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln....	P.	.....	1872, May 15	16	39	55	9	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	3	91	50	
Bridgton, South.....	1829, Dec. 30	William Bailey Hague....	P.	.....	1880, Sept. 30	30	76	106	83	12	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	116	55	
Brownfield.....	1807, Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan....	A. P.	.....	1857, Dec. 17	19	28	47	11	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	2	40	40	
Casco.....	1864, Sep. 19	Ebenezer S. Jordan.... (2)	A. P.	.....	1857, Dec. 17	13	15	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	25	
Denmark.....	1829, July 5	Ebenezer S. Jordan.... (3)	A. P.	.....	1857, Dec. 17	5	36	41	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	25	
Fryeburg.....	1775, Aug. 21	Jesse K. Mason, D. D.,	A. P.	.....	1849, Jan. 18	35	87	122	33	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	
Harrison.....	1826, Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln....	P.	.....	1872, May 15	15	31	46	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	28	
Hiram.....	1826, Oct. 26	Edward P. Eastman.... (4)	A. P.	.....	1871, Apr. 16	85	22	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	
Lovell.....	1798, Oct. 6	Edward P. Eastman.... (5)	A. P.	.....	1871, Apr. 16	4	17	21	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	20	
Naples.....	1858, Aug. 10	Henry V. Emmons.... (6)	A. P.	.....	1880, Nov. 13	14	35	49	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	30	
Ortland.....	1797, Oct. 23	Henry V. Emmons.... (6)	A. P.	.....	1880, Nov. 13	14	35	49	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30	
Stowe and Chatham.....	1861, Oct. 22	Henry Farrar....	A. P.	.....	1867, Nov. 6	14	50	64	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	16	
Sweden.....	1817, Nov. 4	Henry Farrar....	A. P.	.....	1867, Nov. 6	24	51	75	21	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	90	57	
Watford.....	1796, Oct. 2	John S. Richards....	A. P.	.....	1871, June 22	12	36	48	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	58	
Watford, North.....	1865, June 25	T. M. Bradenkopf.... (7)	Lic.	.....	1885, May 24	315	729	1044	268	22	6	27	26	10	23	59	18	2	1006	664
Seventeen.																				

(1.) Mr. C. W. Preston, Lic., served the church, May 18, to Sept. 15, 1884.

(2.) Rev. Sydney Wakely, (Bapt.), served the church from May 27, 1883, to May, 1885, the Baptists joining in support, and so having a Union service.

(3.) Served by Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan, May 1, 1884, to Dec., 1884, and again from May 24, 1885.

(4.) Pulpit supplied most of the year by Rev. Zenas Crowell, and others. Mr. H. E. Morrow, Lic., supplied twelve weeks in June, July and August, 1884.

(5.) Supplied from June, 1884 three months, by Josiah Heald, Lic.

(6.) Supplied from May 16, to Sept. 15, 1884, by Mr. W. H. Medlar, of Yale Seminary, who did acceptable work.

(7.) The church at North Waterford was served by Rev. Chas. A. Ferry, from Sept. 14, onward for three months, very much to the satisfaction of the church and Parish.

In session from May 15, '84, to Sept. 15, '84.

These were dropped from the roll.

(1.) Mr. C. W. Preston, Lic., served the church, May 18, to Sept. 15, 1884.  
 1884, to May, 1885, the Baptists joining in support, and so having a Union service.  
 Bridgton, again from May 24, 1885.  
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 (5.) Supplied from June, 1884 three months, by Josiah Head, Lic.  
 (6.) The Napier Church was served by Mr. Chas. C. Harris, from Sept. 14, onward for three months, very much to the satisfaction of the church and Parish.  
 (7.) The church at North Watford was served by Mr. Chas. C. Harris, from Sept. 14, onward for three months, very much to the satisfaction of the church and Parish.  
 \* These were dropped from the roll. } In session from May 1, '84, to Dec. 1, '84. } In session from May 15, '84, to Sept. 15, '84.

UNION CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Home Ex- penditures.		Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)							Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.
	House of Worship, Chapel	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of Worship erected	Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses in- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.	Total.
Albany.....	1500	0	800	0	1878	105	105	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	26
Bridgton.....	12000	0	3000	0	1870	800	1000	0	0	0	10	6	0	13	29
Bridgton, North.....	2500	1000	0	0	1834	400	532	21	0	3	28	20	0	11	93
Bridgton, South.....	10000	7000	0	200	1871	900	1150	51	0	5	80	26	3	153	217
Brownfield.....	3000	1000	400	0	1862	600	670	12	0	0	5	0	0	0	17
Casco.....	1800	0	0	0	1841	250	250	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Denmark.....	1500	0	0	0	1879	60	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Dunbar.....	10000	2500	0	0	1850	1000	1150	13	0	0	15	8	0	0	36
Fryeburg.....	2000	0	0	0	1836	250	250	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Harrison.....	3500	0	0	0	1872	200	210	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Hiram.....	1500	1200	850	0	1850	100	100	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	17
Lovell.....	1300	0	965	0	1839	1800	11	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Naples.....	500	0	1100	0	1871	3300	289	3	0	0	0	11	0	0	3
Otisfield.....	3550	0	0	0	1827	725	755	73	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Stowe and Chatham.....	500	0	0	0	1837	151	226	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	106
Stowen.....	2500	2000	900	0	1860	101	101	0	0	0	12	15	0	5	106
Swansea.....	2000	700	0	0	1869	6316	6316	222	0	8	201	128	3	85	647
Waterford, North.....	50650	8400	15065	200											
Waterville.....															

†Parsonage owned by private parties, and the use of it given to the Parish. It is valued at \$1000.  
 ‡Of this, \$66 for work in the West, and \$24 for  
 \*Meeting Missy. Soc., \$150  
 †Of this, \$12.50 for the New West Education Commission, and \$18 for Maine General Hospital.  
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## WALDO CONFERENCE.

## WALDO CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.					Church Members May 3, 1885.		Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Baptized—Adults.			Baptized—Infants.			Whole No. May 3, 1885.			Families, May 3, 1885.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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(1.) Rev. C. W. Jones ten months, from June 1, 1864. R. P. Gardner two months, 1864.

(2.) Miss S. Zimmermanway, &amp;c., four months. Raymond C. Drisko, &amp;c., six months.

WALDO CONFERENCE. Second Table.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)			House of Worship erected	Home Ex- penditures.		Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)								Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.	
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.		Indebtedness.	Salary of Minister including value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses including Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. B. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.			Total.
Belfast.....	10000	4000	0	0	1831	1200	1500	95	0	0	90	17	0	13	1234	Rev. John A. Ross.....	Dr. S. W. Johnson.
Belfast, North.....	1500	0	0	0	1846	200	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W. G. Hatch.....	W. S. Hatch.
Camden, Elm Street.....	5000	2000	0	0	1834	1200	1676	64	0	0	43	33	0	11	141	E. D. Mansfield.....	Rev. T. E. Braslow.
Frankfort.....	2000	0	0	125	1851	200	318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Upton Treat.....	Hayward Pierce.
Freedom.....	1200	700	0	0	1857	600	400	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	Rinaldo Elder.....	Joseph H. Brown.
Jackson and Brooks. (1)	3000	0	500	0	1841	600	227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	E. E. Morton, Jackson.....	Albert Croxford.
Rockport.....	2000	0	0	0	1860	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	H. H. Merriam.....	Rev. T. E. Braslow.
Randy Point.....	2500	0	0	0	1840	300	350	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	Mattie C. Black.....	Shepherd Blanchard.
Seasport, First.....	10000	2500	0	0	1834	1125	2300	92	15	0	118	19	0	22	226	Rev. Charles T. Hawes.....	George L. Merrill.
Seasport, Second.....	3000	0	0	0	1819	* 400	430	6	0	0	15	27	0	0	48	J. L. Park.....	Mrs. Maria Pendleton.
Watersport.....	1500	0	0	0	1834	† 200	200	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	14	Mrs. Charles Abbott.....	Frank W. Haley.
Eleven.	41700	9200	500	125		6025	8001	247	15	0	205	95	0	46	708		

(1.) This house in Jackson. The meeting-house in Brooks built in 1850. Valued \$3000.

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 \* Helped by Maine Missionary Society. † Supplied by Licensates and aided by Maine Missionary Society. ‡ No meeting for several years.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.						Ch. Members May 3, 1885.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g year.		Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Whole No. May 3, 1885.	Families, May 3, 1885.				
	Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.					Total.	Dismission.	Total.	
Calais.....	1825, Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully.....	A. P.	1860, July 11	1876, Feb. 18	60	217	277	40	6	1	7	4	1	7	0	275	185		
Cherryfield.....	1833, Oct. 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	35	48	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60		
Cooper.....	1826, Feb. 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20		
Dennysville.....	1860, Nov. 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	65	102	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	70		
Eastport.....	1810, Feb. 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	59	75	15	2	0	2	6	1	0	1	0	32	30	
Jonesboro.....	1852, Aug. 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60		
.....	1877, Sep. 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	39	59	0	16	2	18	0	0	0	0	120	60		
.....	1877, Sep. 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	165	225	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	130		
.....	1826, June 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	82	90	32	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	120	70		
.....	1831, Jan. 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	24	51	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50		
.....	1871, Sep. 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	25	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60		
.....	1846, Oct. 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	94	131	24	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	170	55		
.....	1836, Sep. 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	10	
.....	1836, Sep. 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	10	
.....	1826, Oct. 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50		
.....	1858, Dec. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	35	58	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	90	40		
.....	1811, Nov. 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	44	64	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	60	10	
.....	1861, Nov. 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	10		
.....	1832, Nov. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	17	26	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	29		
.....	1836, Dec. 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	17	26	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20		
.....	1836, Dec. 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	17	26	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20		
Twenty.						352	1007	1359	263	20	3	32	25	16	5	46	14	3	1538	1026

(1.) Rev. Frederic E. Shaw resigned, Sept. 15, 1884, removed to Brewer Village.

# WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

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Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Home Ex- penditures. (Dollars.)		Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)					Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday school.			
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	House of Worship erected	Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses in- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.			Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. S. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.
Calais.....	25000	4500	0	7600	1873	1600	2500	136	0	0	71	28	0	80	345	A. L. Clapp.....
Cherryfield.....	3000	0	0	0	1884	0	160	50	0	5	10	50	0	0	115	Dea. Joseph A. Wilson.....
Cooper.....	3500	2500	2250	0	1834	760	720	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dea. W. Carey.....
Dennysville.....	3000	0	0	0	1828	† 800	902	22	0	20	12	0	0	26	70	Dea. Peter E. Vose.....
Eastport.....	3000	0	0	0	1828	0	18	0	0	0	18	5	0	0	45	Dea. George A. Peabody.....
Jonesboro.....	3000	1500	0	0	1854	0	265	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	22	Dea. Horace R. Weston.....
Jonesboro.....	13000	0	0	0	1836	700	1250	189	0	0	87	39	0	7	30	Mrs. Adaline R. Keene.....
Mad Machias.....	1200	0	0	0	1837	0	850	7	0	0	0	0	0	15	330	Dea. Warren Hill.....
Machiasport.....	2500	0	0	100	1828	0	230	0	0	0	180	0	0	0	7	Dea. S. T. Foster.....
Machiasport.....	1500	0	115	0	1800	100	160	2	4	0	0	5	0	0	180	Alvin L. Harmon.....
Marbletown, N. B.....	10500	2500	5000	1200	1878	1500	1950	178	0	0	10	0	0	0	11	Mrs. Thomas Hamilton.....
Northfield.....	200	0	0	0	1844	500	700	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	188	Stephen H. Hitchings.....
Pembroke.....	200	0	0	0	1844	500	700	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	5	George W. Smith.....
Perry.....	2500	0	0	0	1831	200	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	Mrs. Francis N. Pattangall.....
Princeton.....	3000	0	0	0	1857	650	700	15	0	0	51	15	0	13	94	Dea. Leonard Peabody.....
Robbfield.....	500	0	0	0	1833	† 800	800	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	24	Dea. Rufus Gates.....
Robbfield.....	900	0	0	0	1860	0	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mrs. Mary J. C. Crabtree.....
Topsham.....	3500	0	0	0	1852	0	150	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase.....
Whitneyville.....	3500	0	0	0	1875	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	L. R. Pope.....
Twenty.....	70800	11000	7305	8600	7800	11570	629	4	7	511	198	0	141	1490	2	L. R. Pope.....
House owned by individuals.																
† \$200, by Maine Missionary Society.																
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YORK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of Saco.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.										Ch. Members May 3, 1885.		Added dur'g yr.		Removed dur'g yr.				
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Discipline.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School.	Whole No. May 3, 1885.	Families, May 3, 1885.
Anton.	1781, Sep. 18	Vacant.				17	35	52	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	45
Alfred.	1791, Sep. 8	George Michael.	(1.) A. P.	1874, Jan. 31	1881, Nov. 15	25	82	107	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	123	65	
3d Bedford, First.	1730, Apr. 30	Merrill Blanchard.	A. P.	1881, Mar. 23	1885, July 1	18	31	39	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38
3d Bedford, Second.	1805, Mar. 1	Charles E. Andrews.	A. P.	1881, Oct. 1	1884, Jan. 17	73	184	257	42	5	17	0	0	10	0	0	0	200	125	100
3d Bedford, Pavilion.	1857, Oct. 20	Merrill Blanchard.	A. P.	1881, Mar. 23	1882, Oct. 1	36	168	194	55	5	12	0	4	0	6	3	0	115	100	100
3d Bedford, North.	1857, Oct. 20	Edward S. Palmer.	A. P.	1881, Mar. 23	1882, Oct. 1	13	31	44	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	65	65
3d Bedford, South.	1763, Mar. 16	Vacant.				19	41	60	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	150	150
3d Bedford, South.	1840, Sep. 16	Vacant.				12	38	50	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	45	45
3d Bedford, South.	1721, Jan. 22	Vacant.				12	38	50	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	45	45
3d Bedford, South.	1826, Aug. 12	James Lade.	P.	1856, June 23	1885, June 23	12	38	50	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	45	45
3d Bedford, Union.	1826, Aug. 12	George A. Lockwood.	P.	1870, Nov. 20	1880, May 23	21	73	94	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	60	60
3d Bedford, Union.	1730, Nov.	John D. Emerson.	A. P.	1858, Oct. 1	1885, June 1	25	45	70	16	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	97	60	60
3d Bedford, Union.	1838, Jan. 10	John D. Emerson.	A. P.	1858, Oct. 1	1885, June 1	46	65	111	6	13	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	40	22	22
3d Bedford, Union.	1714, Nov. 4	William W. Dow.	A. P.	1856, May 23	1882, Oct. 1	4	26	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	20
3d Bedford, Union.	1705, Nov. 24	Joseph T. Closson.	A. P.	1871, Jan. 8	1885, Mar. 1	14	31	45	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	44	44
3d Bedford, Union.	1755, July 5	George B. Hatch, 8 mos.	Lie.	1864, Oct. 16	1884, Oct. 16	19	35	54	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	98	35	35
3d Bedford, Union.	1789, Oct. 11	David S. Hibbard.	A. P.	1860, July 1	1884, Oct. 1	45	88	133	25	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	88	45	45
3d Bedford, Union.	1801, Dec. 1	Richard Wickett.	A. P.	1877, Dec. 5	1885, Jan. 1	24	58	82	19	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	62	62	62
3d Bedford, Union.	1801, Dec. 1	A. T. Perry, 4 mos.	A. P.	1877, Dec. 5	1884, June 1	12	17	29	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	14	14
3d Bedford, Union.	1795, Jan. 14	Vacant.				2	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bedford, Union.	1792, Oct. 13	Edmond C. Loggala.	P.	1877, July 17	1884, Dec. 30	41	128	169	42	6	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	127	154	154
3d Bedford, Union.	1786, July 19	F. T. Rouse, 9/4 mos.	Lie.	1884, June 1	1	10	24	34	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	60	55	55
3d Bedford, Union.	1786, July 19	Vacant.				3	16	19	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	50	50
3d Bedford, Union.	1831, Oct. 23	Vacant.				0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
3d Bedford, Union.	1792, Jan. 4	George Lewis.	P.	1865, Dec. 13	1874, Jan. 15	17	22	39	19	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	73	73	73
3d Bedford, Union.	1791, Oct. 29	John Horton.	A. P.	1844, Feb. 13	1880, Oct. 24	43	67	110	35	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	2	140	83	83
3d Bedford, Union.	1831, Aug. 23	Hiram Houston.	A. P.	1850, Sep. 25	1883, Sep. 16	40	77	117	30	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	100	60	60
3d Bedford, Union.	1872, Dec. 3	David B. Sewall.	A. P.	1842, Feb. 19	1873, Dec. 3	20	74	94	17	2	1	3	4	2	0	6	1	107	60	60
3d Bedford, Union.	1732, ....	William Greenman.	Lie.	1865, June 1	1	8	21	29	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	40
Twenty-eight.						2031	1502	3533	465	66	36	104	59	132	4	195	40	7	2104	1001
(1.) Ocasia labors here May 15, 1885. Rev. J. Ewart Ford, n. p. From June 1, 1885.																				
(2.) Income occupied, May 25, 1884, to Jan., 1885.																				
(3.) Not supplied, May 1884.																				
(4.) Supplied only alternate years.																				
(5.) Income occupied by the Epistle alternate years.																				

## YORK CONFERENCE. SECOND TABLE.

Place and Name.	Value of Property. (Dollars.)				Home Ex- penditures. (Dollars.)	Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)							Clerk of the Church.	Supt. of Sunday-school.			
	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	House of Worship erected	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.		Indebtedness.	Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses in- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.						Total.		
									Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. B. Pub. Society.		Other Objects.	
Acton.....	2000	1824	1000	550	0	500	830	18	0	0	0	31	0	0	49	John Lord.....	Dea. J. Lyman Gerrish
Alfred.....	3000	1834	2000	543	0	850	949	89	0	0	0	20	28	39	152	A. Leavitt.....	Samuel M. Caine
Biddeford, First.....	2000	1730	0	800	0	250	250	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	John K. Staples.....	William F. Libbey
Biddeford, Second.....	25000	1850	6000	0	3000	1600	2596	46	134	0	0	75	40	53	348	William W. Marr.....	Edward S. Morris
Biddeford, Pavilion.....	40000	1862	4000	0	4000	1500	2500	26	0	0	0	32	23	0	108	Oswald K. Cobb, Grovesville.....	Charles S. Morris
Buxton, North.....	2000	1821	625	.....	.....	600	500	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	32	Osman K. Towle, Bar Mills.....	Arthur E. Towle
Buxton, South.....	6000	1858	0	.....	.....	900	1057	45	0	0	0	25	6	0	113	Roscoe G. Smith.....	Thomas A. Smith
Corinth.....	4125	1881	1500	0	0	530	675	35	0	0	0	10	4	0	61	Dea. Joseph Titcomb.....	Thomas Attington, S. Elliot
Kennebunk, Union.....	10000	1827	3500	700	10	950	1200	65	0	17	96	50	19	51	288	Dea. Charles A. Shapleigh.....	Rev. George A. Lockwood
Kennebunkport, First.....	2500	1842	0	500	0	375	380	9	0	4	4	0	0	0	17	Bertha S. Smith.....	Frank M. Morse
Kennebunkport, South.....	5000	1824	2000	8500	300	725	1067	8	13	0	0	13	12	0	46	James H. Moody.....	Daniel H. Walker
Kittery.....	4000	1731	1500	1000	0	600	660	5	0	10	0	68	0	0	191	Dea. J. E. Moody, L. Center.....	James H. Walker
Lebanon.....	5000	1833	1500	0	0	650	700	123	0	0	0	10	0	0	221	Winburn Adams.....	Samuel Shapleigh
Limerick.....	3000	1821	1500	0	0	600	775	0	4	4	3	31	2	3	47	Dea. J. E. Moody, L. Center.....	Samuel Shapleigh
Lisbon.....	2000	1820	1000	1000	0	685	291	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	22	Lement J. Strout.....	Samuel Shapleigh
Lynn.....	1000	1841	1000	0	0	68	105	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	19	J. J. Goodwin, Kennebunk P.....	Samuel Shapleigh
Lynn, West.....	500	1830	0	1400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	Dea. E. H. Syme, North P.....	Cyrus W. Murphy
Newfield.....	17000	1853	0	400	1000	1200	2243	25	0	0	0	13	0	0	40	H. G. Otis Smith, North P.....	Charles E. Pinkham
Newton.....	4000	1879	0	805	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	13	Benjamin N. Goodale.....	J. G. Wedgewood (Union)
Parsonfield.....	500	1842	0	0	0	70	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	Prescott Emery.....	Theodore L. Young
Sanford.....	500	1842	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	Jeremiah L. Moulton.....	Nesse Rankin
Sanford, South.....	10000	1701	.....	.....	.....	2000	225	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	722	Rev. M. Clark.....	James L. Tripp
Sanleigh.....	3500	1833	1300	1200	0	700	850	42	0	0	0	30	0	93	George Lewis.....	John H. Plumer	
South, First.....	3500	1831	1000	2400	0	700	725	44	0	0	0	20	12	0	165	John W. Hubbard.....	Jurak Maxwell
South, Second.....	3000	1831	1000	2400	0	700	725	44	0	0	0	20	12	0	80	Charles F. Littlefield.....	George W. Littlefield
Wells, First.....	10000	1747	4000	5744	1145	1050	1136	85	0	10	92	34	0	20	241	Rev. David B. Sewall.....	Capt. Frank P. Emerson
Wells, Second.....	2000	1833	1000	0	.....	500	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	J. H. Moody.....	W. H. Moody
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## Summary for the Year ending May 3, 1885.—General Conference Organized in Portland Jan. 10, 1826.

CONFERENCES.	MINISTERS.			CHURCHES.			Church Members, May 3, 1885.			Added dur'g year.			Removed dur'g year.			Gain or Loss.					
	Without Charge.	Acting Pastors.	Total.	Licentiates.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Abent.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Disipline.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	
Name.	Date of Organization.	Pastors.																			
Aroostook.....	1846.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	134	226	373	60	15	5	20	6	8	2	16	4	.....
Cumberland.....	1822 11 5	8	24	32	0	0	0	22	1060	2574	2634	604	155	96	251	50	67	15	132	119	.....
Cumberland North.....	1878 4 10	3	4	7	3	13	0	4	21	833	1762	2595	564	141	37	178	47	60	104	201	.....
Franklin.....	1859 1 4	3	8	11	1	4	1	4	10	249	469	718	197	12	13	25	10	5	15	10	.....
Hancock.....	1825 2 5	5	12	17	1	7	1	5	15	254	767	1021	206	37	8	45	26	16	1	43	.....
Kennebec.....	1823 1 7	1	9	10	1	8	0	1	9	16	368	961	1329	381	41	31	72	31	25	0	56
Lincoln and Sagadahoc.....	1825 5 8	2	15	17	0	8	0	9	22	460	1416	1875	326	32	15	47	63	24	0	77	
Oxford.....	1824 3 7	1	11	12	0	8	0	4	15	264	625	889	212	29	12	41	10	16	0	26	
Penobscot.....	1825 6 8	9	23	32	3	9	3	3	19	569	1366	1935	601	42	41	83	42	41	1	54	
Piscataquis.....	1842 4 2	0	6	6	1	4	2	1	3	10	269	536	805	176	46	16	13	4	0	17	
Somerset.....	1823 2 1	1	4	5	2	6	2	3	7	13	184	401	585	149	15	4	19	13	15	0	
Union.....	1836 6 1	1	9	10	1	3	7	1	6	17	739	1044	288	22	5	27	26	10	23	59	
Waldo.....	1848 1 4	1	6	7	0	1	5	0	5	11	167	542	709	100	7	14	21	14	16	0	
Washington.....	1839 1 7	0	8	8	0	1	0	0	1	20	382	1007	1389	263	29	3	32	25	16	5	
York.....	1822 4 14	3	21	24	8	14	2	8	28	593	1592	2185	465	86	26	104	59	32	4	95	
Fifteen.....	47 91	41	179	220	118	480	138	2250	15369	691	336	1027	425	345	155	925	220	118	480	138	
REMOVALS.—By death, 425; by dismission to other churches, 346; by discipline, 155; total, 925.																					
GAIN IN seven Conferences, 220; loss in eight Conferences, 118.—net gain, 102.																					
IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—22,620.																					
BAPTISMS.—Adults, 480; Infants, 138.																					
FAMILIES.—Reported connected with the congregations of 243 churches, 16,306; estimate of the remaining six churches, 60; total, 16,360.																					
ABSENT.—By Confession, 691; by letter, 233; total, 1027.																					

PASTORS INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 3, 1885, seven; ordained and installed, three; ordained without installation as pastor, two; dismissed, eleven.

CHURCHES,—with Pastors, 48; with Acting Pastors, 105; supplied by Licentiates, 13; vacant, 85; total, 249.—One church added during the year, in Milford, Penobscot Conference.

MINISTERS,—Pastors, 47; Acting Pastors, 91; others, 41; total, 179.

CHURCH MEMBERS,—Males, 6101; females, 6101; total, 12,202; including 4,952 absent.

ADDITIONS.—By Confession, 691; by letter, 336; total, 1027.

REMOVALS.—By death, 425; by discipline to other churches, 345; by discipline, 155; total, 925.

GAIN IN SEVEN CONFERENCES, 220; loss in eight Conferences, 118.—net gain, 102.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 480; infants, 138.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—22,420.

FAMILIES.—Reported connected with the congregations of 243 churches, 10,309; estimate of the remaining six churches, 60; total, 10,369.

## SUMMARY. SECOND TABLE.

Value of Property. (Dollars.)			Home Ex- penditures.		Benevolent Contributions. (Dollars.)										
No. of Meeting-houses.	House of Worship, Chapel and Sites.	No. of Parsonages.	Parsonage.	Funds, excluding Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	Salary of Minister in- cluding value of use of Parsonage.	All Parish Expenses in- cluding Salary.	Foreign Missions.	College and Ed. Society.	American Cong'l Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Ass'n.	Cong. S. B. Pub. Society.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arrostock.....	5	22,000	0	1,500	.....	3,100	3,620	24	.....	0	12	91	15	21	168
Cumberland.....	21	201,575	7	5,300	12,763	2,000	21,700	44,000	3,248	537	599	3,183	1,294	106	9,110
Cumberland North.....	21	205,200	11	23,850	20,263	6,730	17,300	30,785	1,597	120	122	1,073	626	22	1,328
Franklin.....	10	28,760	3	6,000	725	.....	3,725	4,394	297	12	40	226	72	0	97
Hancock.....	12	53,830	7	16,200	10,850	3,960	7,000	10,210	359	4	0	489	125	2	262
Kennebec.....	9	98,000	3	10,000	5,500	7,314	8,075	17,796	700	13	75	1,167	133	0	348
Lincoln and Sagadahoc.....	22	130,000	13	21,100	8,100	6,825	13,680	19,836	1,144	141	115	784	338	0	764
Oxford.....	10	39,200	1	1,800	5,150	1,400	5,585	8,635	180	9	11	251	113	0	244
Penobscot.....	18	109,150	4	5,100	1,000	1,750	12,470	20,525	888	130	327	828	714	26	2,975
Piscataquis.....	8	28,100	3	5,200	3,100	2,084	3,757	5,403	290	0	68	182	102	0	69
Somerset.....	12	28,000	0	.....	5,900	1,000	2,900	5,180	275	14	36	162	102	0	67
Union.....	11	59,650	6	8,400	15,065	2,000	6,316	6,516	232	0	8	201	128	3	85
Waldo.....	11	41,700	4	9,200	500	125	6,025	8,001	247	15	9	295	96	0	46
Washington.....	16	76,800	4	11,000	7,365	8,600	7,693	11,579	629	4	7	511	198	0	141
York.....	26	168,425	18	34,225	25,547	9,465	16,233	22,149	848	17	170	765	511	56	455
Fifteen.....	218	1,287,380	84	158,876	121,828	60,444	135,956	218,260	10,857	1,016	1,309	10,238	4,020	220	15,553

Fifteen. \$10,857; 179 for Home Missions, \$10,238; 134 for American Missionary Association, \$4,620; 45 for the College and Education Society, \$1,016; 55 for American Congregational Union, \$1,599; 18 for the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society, \$220; 100 for other objects, \$15,552; of which for Seamen's cause, \$713; Am. Tract Society, \$1,107; total, \$44,102; a gain of \$2,625, from the previous year. From forty-two churches, no contributions were reported.

HOME EXPENDITURES.—Reported by 224 churches, \$218,260; the remaining 25, estimated at \$400 in all.

ORGANIZATION.—Fifteen Conferences of churches united in a General Conference.

CHURCHES.—Two hundred and forty-nine.  
MEETING-HOUSES.—Two hundred and eighteen; valuation, \$1,287,380.  
Add seven other edifices not reported, the whole number 225; value, \$1,318,380.  
PARSONAGES.—Eighty-four; valuation, \$158,876.  
FUNDS, EXCLUDING PARSONAGES.—\$121,828.  
INDEBTEDNESS.—\$60,444.  
SALARY OF MINISTERS, INCLUDING VALUE OF USE OF PARSONAGE.—\$125,956.  
PARISH EXPENSES, INCLUDING SALARY, \$218,260.  
CONTRIBUTIONS.—Of the 240 churches, 146 gave for Foreign Missions, \$10,857; 179 for Home Missions, \$10,238; 134 for American Missionary Association, \$4,620; 45 for the College and Education Society, \$1,016; 55 for American Congregational Union, \$1,599; 18 for the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society, \$220; 100 for other objects, \$15,552; of which for Seamen's cause, \$713; Am. Tract Society, \$1,107; total, \$44,102; a gain of \$2,625, from the previous year. From forty-two churches, no contributions were reported.



## COUNTY CONFERENCES.

### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.

Annual meeting, Saturday and Sunday before State Conference in June.—Semi-annual meeting third Saturday and Sunday in September.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**, with the church at Island Falls, October 18, 19, 1884, Mr. Albion Merriman, of Island Falls, *Moderator*.

Topics discussed,—The Church and the young; the dormant power of the church. The usual devotional services were held, and one praise meeting.

Sermons by Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, General Missionary, Acts 4:12, "And in none other is there Salvation," etc; Rev. George W. Christie, of Presque Isle, and Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, Eph. 6:17, "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Interesting reports from seven of the churches in the Conference. A meeting of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary was held. The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. E. Adams, and Rev. Isaac C. Bumpus.

The attendance at the several sessions was large, but the hospitalities of the people were more than sufficient. The meetings were inspiring and profitable.

**THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING** with the church in Fort Fairfield, June 13, 14, 1885. Mr. E. E. Parkhurst, of Presque Isle, *Moderator*. Topics discussed,—The position of the Minister and Church in regard to modern reforms; the secret and the science of church building; how shall we promote an increased interest in Bible study. Devotional exercises were held; also an informal meeting of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary. Sermons,—Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten, Acts 1:25, "That he might go to his own place," and by Rev. George W. Christie, of Presque Isle. The Lord's Supper observed,—Rev. Messrs. Stearns and Christie officiating. In the evening a gospel temperance meeting was held, the pastors of the other churches in the town, and the local Reform Club participating.

Cheering reports came from the seven active churches, each of which is now supplied with pastoral service. The sessions exhilarating and profitable.

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN ISLAND FALLS**, observed September 21, 1884. Historical discourse by Rev. George W. Stearns, Prov. 30:26, "The conies are but a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks." Interesting statistics were presented; also an ingenious chart representing graphically the membership during the entire period, with the gains and losses.

REV. WILLIAM HAYNES, at Houlton from Nov. 15, 1883, resigns, Oct., 1884, and accepts a call to Twinsburg, Ohio.

REV. EDWARD P. EASTMAN, at Fort Fairfield from January 1, 1883, resigns April 1, 1885. Accepts call to Hiram, Me. Mr. Neal A. McCauley, from Chicago Seminary, supplying at Fort Fairfield for a season.

REV. GEORGE W. STEARNS, at Island Falls and Patten from July 9, 1881, resigns July, 1885.

Letter from Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, State Missionary, respecting Houlton and Aroostook County, in Ch. Mir., Oct. 11, 1884. "The Neglected neighborhoods," Ch. Mir., Dec. 20. General Report, Ch. Mir., July 4, 1885.

Discourse by Rev. Isaac C. Bumpus, Sherman, before the G. A. R., Memorial Day.

THE MEETING-HOUSE AT FORT FAIRFIELD, re-opened for public worship Dec. 4, 1884. The discourse by Rev. E. P. Eastman. Text,—Rev. 21:5, "Behold, I make all things new." The ceiling and walls have been repapered, the seats re-varnished; new chairs and a new carpet have been provided, and a new foundation, all at an expense of \$200. The Ladies' Aid Society secured funds toward the expense. Four friends from Portland paid \$40 towards the carpet.

A parsonage at Presque Isle, has been purchased.

Sunday-school Convention in Blaine, Sept. 10, 1884; at Bridgewater, Dec. 10, 1884 and June 25, 1885.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held a convention at Fort Fairfield, July 23. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, also presented the cause January 11, and in other towns in the County, January 8–15.

The Northern Aroostook Teacher's Association, held at Sprague's Mills, Aug. 28, 29, 1884.

Mrs. Eliza Courier died in Island Falls, Nov., 1884, set 94. She was one of the original members of the church, which was organized in 1859. Her husband, Timothy Courier, was its first deacon.

Rev. George W. Stearns, of Patten, *Scribe, Reporter, and Treasurer of Conference*, or in his absence, Rev. Isaac C. Bumpus, of Sherman Mills.

Next meeting in Caribou, or Houlton.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851. The rules provide for a meeting the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of the Conference.

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Organized in Gorham, December 24, 1822. Annual meeting in June, other meetings in January and October, one day each.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION was held with the church in Saccarappa, October 30, 1884. Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, *Moderator*. Papers were presented by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, upon Our denominational characteristics and teachings, (published in Christian Mirror, Nov. 1;) by Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, on the prayer-meeting; by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, on the place of revivals; by the Moderator, on the moral and spiritual need of our churches; by Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, of Portland, on the preparation for revivals, followed by discussion on each topic. The Conference Sermon, by Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cumberland Mills, Acts 11:26. The character of Barnabas, "A good man." Lord's Supper administered by Rev. H. S. Huntington and Rev. Abiel H. Wright. Deacons Graham, Libbey, Winslow and Scott.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION with the Bethel church, Portland, January 28, 1885. Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Scarboro, *Moderator*. The central thought in the discussion of the day was—

THE CHURCHES OPPORTUNITY; (a) The missionary spirit,—the test and token of spiritual life, opened by Rev. Frank T. Bayley. (b) Christian stewardship,—its meaning and extent, opened by Rev. Edgar M. Cousins and Dea. J. W. Stevenson. (c) Sphere and responsibility of personal influence, opened by Mr. C. A. Woodbury. (d) Means of more efficient action through church agencies, Rev. Henry S. Huntington. (e) The work of the church in our country, as regards the increasing population, the working men, and the growing spirit of scepticism.

The Conference passed resolutions approving the bill introduced into the Legislature of the State, touching the suppression of immoral and indecent literature, and hoping that it may become a law of the State.

The Conference Sermon, by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, Mark 8:34, "To every man his work." The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. H. S. Huntington and Rev. F. T. Bayley. Deacons,—Farrington and Gould.

The ladies of the Bethel church made most ample and generous provision for the entertainment and comfort of the Conference.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Scarboro, June 10, 1885, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, *Moderator*. General topic for discussion,—By what agencies shall the church extend its power upon the world. (a) Individual righteousness, consistency of life, activity of service, opened by Rev. Abiel H. Wright. (b) Genuine family religion, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock. (c) The Sunday-school, Rev. Charles A. Marsh. (d) By no concessions to worldly standards, Rev. Frank T. Bayley. Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa, gave the Report of the Churches. Conference Sermon, Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, of Portland, 1 Tim 4:14, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

The following minute was adopted in memory of Rev. Luther Wiswall, who died March 15, 1885, presented by a Committee appointed to prepare it,—Rev. A. H. Wright, and Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D:

It having pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove by death the venerable Rev. Luther Wiswall, for thirty-one years pastor of the church in Windham, in this county, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, this Conference places upon record its profound sense of loss in this bereavement, not only to the church to which he ministered, but to the body of churches herewith associated, by which he has been so long known and esteemed. Mr. Wiswall was a man of great modesty, but of superior intellectual ability; a man of independent and progressive opinion, an excellent preacher, a leader in revival and reformatory labors, of eminent spirituality; a man of God, honored and beloved. We extend to our sister church, in Windham, our sincere sympathy in this afflictive event, and pray that it may be sanctified to the spiritual quickening of his brethren in the ministry, who in the order of God's Providence must so soon follow him.

A copy of the above was by vote directed to be sent to the Scribe of the State Conference, to the church in Windham, and to the family of the deceased brother.

The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, and Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa. Deacons,—Clark and Graham.

REV. EDGAR M. COUSINS, installed Pastor of Warren ch., Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, June 12, 1884. Record, Minutes 1884, p. 72.

REV. EDDY THOMAS PITTS, (Bates C., 1881,) installed pastor of the West Congregational church, Portland, November 6, 1884. Council met at 2.30 P. M., Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator*, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Scribe*. Installation Service, 7.30 P. M. Organ Voluntary, by Miss Clara Carlton; reading the Minutes of Council; anthem by the Choir, "O be joyful in the Lord;" invocation and reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel ch., Portland; singing by the choir and congregation, hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (*Shirland*); Sermon, Rev. Frank T. Bayley, of State St. ch., Portland, John 7:37, 38, "The Fountain of Living Waters;" installing prayer, by the Moderator; Hymn, "Soldiers of Christ;" charge to pastor, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Williston church, Portland; right-hand of fellowship, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Second church, Portland; address to people, Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cumberland Mills; address by Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D.; Hymn 1100, choir and congregation, "Spirit of Peace and Holiness" (*Hamburg*); prayer, Rev. Charles H. Daniels; Doxology, "Praise God;"—benediction, by the Pastor.

REV. CHARLES ALBERT MARSH, (Oberlin College, 1877, Chicago Sem., 1880, Andover Sem., 1882,) installed pastor at Woodfords, Deering, April 23, 1885. Council met at 3 o'clock P. M. Installation services at 7.30 P. M. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, *Scribe*. Organ prelude, *Reed*; Anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains;" *Orpheus Club*; Minutes of the Council, by the Scribe; invocation and scripture reading, by

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham; Hymn 1109, Church Hymn Book, "Spirit of peace and holiness," by the congregation; sermon by Rev. Charles H. Daniels, Portland, Isa., 8:16, "Bind up the testimony"—enforcing the duty of the church, to bear testimony to the truth; installing prayer by the Scribe; charge to pastor, Rev. S. Winchester Adriance, of Lowell, Mass., a former pastor; right-hand, Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, of Portland; prayer, Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland; Hymn 1128, by the congregation, "Hail to the Lord's anointed;" benediction, by the Pastor; organ postlude, *Rink*.

REV. HARRY CHAPMAN MCKNIGHT, (Yale College, 1882, Yale Sem., 1885,) accepts call to the First church, Falmouth, June, 1885.

ROBERT JOHN KYLE, (Bangor Sem., 1883,) accepts call to Windham, June 1, 1885.

REV. S. WINCHESTER ADRIANCE, pastor at Woodfords, from October 21, 1880. preached his farewell sermon, October 12, 1884. Text, Rom., 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ." P. Press, Oct., 13. Dismissed by Council Oct. 14. Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, of Portland, *Scribe*.—Resolutions adopted, Ch. Mir., Oct. 18. Installed pastor, Highland Congregational Church, Lowell, Mass., January 1, 1885.

REV. EDWIN A. HARLOW, pastor of First church, Cape Elizabeth, from Nov. 21, 1871, resigned August, 1884. Appointed State Missionary,—Residence Bangor, James Edward Atkins, (Bangor Seminary, 1885,) supplying from June 1, 1885.

REV. ISAIAH P. SMITH, acting-pastor, First church, Falmouth, from January 1, 1884, resigns, April 1, 1885. Resolutions adopted by church, of regret for his departure, and regard for his ability and faithfulness, Com. Portland Press, March 28, April 18, May 6.

REV. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, pastor at Gorham, from June 11, 1877; resigned Nov. 23, 1884. The church declined to accept the resignation. He renewed it, but they again declined to accept it. The Parish concurred with the action of the church, and all agreed to refer the matter to a Mutual Council. The Council, composed of all the churches in Portland, the church at Woodfords, Cumberland Mills, Saccarappa, Standish and Windham, met Dec. 22. Rev. Charles H. Daniels, *Moderator*; Mr. William E. Gould, of Portland, *Scribe*. They advised that the pastorate be maintained, and the resignation was withdrawn. Record, Ch. Mir., Jan. 3. 1885.

REV. DWIGHT M. SEWARD, D. D., pastor of Plymouth church, Portland, 1881 to 1884, removed to South Norwalk, Conn.

Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, pastor Williston church, made a short trip to Florida, leaving Dec. 1.

REV. ABIEL H. WRIGHT, pastor St. Lawrence street church, spent three months from Jan., 1885, at Columbia, S. C., for his health,—his people paying the expenses, and the neighboring ministers supplying the pulpit. On the 17th of April, there was a large gathering at his house to welcome him back, when he was presented with a dressing-gown, with a sum of money in the pockets, and Mrs. Wright with a silk quilt. Letters from Mr. W. were published in Ch. Mir. Feb 28, March 28, and April 25; and in Portland Press, March 7. A lecture descriptive of his trip, and of the people he met, was given in St. Lawrence street church May 16. Open-air meetings have been conducted by Mr. Wright during the summer in the neighborhood of the church.

REV. WILLIAM H. FENN, D. D., and wife went in steamer Aurania, June 27, to Europe.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST OLD NORTH CHURCH, CAPE ELIZABETH, was observed Sept. 10, 1884. *Afternoon services*,—Singing; Scripture selections by Rev. Henry H. Osgood; prayer, Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; historical address by Rev. Edwin A.

Harlow, pastor, "replete with interesting information, and received with the closest attention;" addresses followed by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., and Rev. Amos Loring, of Yarmouthville, upon churches and ministers, past and present; a psalm written by a member of the church was read by Rev. William W. Jordan, of Falmouth, Va. Singing of a hymn; benediction by Rev. John W. Chickering, D. of Washington, D. C.

*Evening exercises.*—Prayer offered by Rev. A. H. Wright, Portland; Mr. Edw. Gould, Portland, referred to some former members of the church, and spoke encouragingly of its future; Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., in the apt style in which is wont to speak, of pastors and members of the church he had known during former pastorate at Portland; Rev. Messrs. A. H. Wright, F. T. Bayley, and C. Daniels, presented the greetings of their respective churches. Rev. Thomas I. and Rev. John J. Carruthers, D. D., sent messages, being unable to be present. The close of the services, Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., in behalf of his people, presented to their pastor an elegant watch and chain. Rev. E. A. Harlow feelingly responded.

The historical sketch by the pastor referred to the origin of the church pastors, and many incidents in its long history. An act of the General Court 1733 set off the second Parish from the first Parish of Falmouth, and this was beginning of the Old North Church. This church installed Rev. Benjamin Albee as its first pastor, Nov. 10, 1734. He died May 6, 1754, set 65. Rev. Ephraim C. was ordained May 21, 1758, remaining 41 years, his death occurring while in office Dec. 11, 1797, set 75. William Gregg, pastor 1801—1806, and from 1816 to 1842 died at Andover, in 1838, set 95. Benjamin Sawyer, pastor 1809—1813, died in Salisbury, Mass., in 1871, set 99. Isaac Esty, 1829—'31, died in Amherst, Mass., set 79. Josiah G. Merrill, 1833—'38, died in Lynn, Mass., 1873, set 85. Will Pierce, 1842—'44. Royal Parkinson, 1848—'51, died in Washington, D. C., in 1871, set 67. Augustus F. Beard, a. p., 1860—'62, pastor of the American Church, Paris, France. Henry M. Vaill, a. p., 1865—'71. Edwin A. Harlow installed Nov. 1871, resigned in 1884.

The church has worshipped in several places. First in a block house near W. Seaside Hall now stands. When the first building on the present site was erected it was made from oak trees cut on the very spot where it now stands. The building had two stories and galleries, the pulpit in the center. This building remained in good repair to 1801. The present building was erected in 1834. For many years it served the double purpose of town-house and meeting-house.

The proceedings have been published in a pamphlet form, 27 pp., 12 mo.

**FALMOUTH, FIRST CHURCH.**—Rev. E. A. Whittier, of Lawrence, Mass., held a series of meetings in the winter. —A parsonage society of ladies formed to see a parsonage. . . . **FALMOUTH SECOND.**—The pastor conducted a class in the W. minister Assembly Catechism. . . . **GORHAM.**—The pastor issued a card for the year on which were the subjects for the Thursday evening prayer-meeting, the object benevolence and the time assigned and the proportion for each. . . . **PORTLAND BETHEL CHURCH.**—Libraries have been placed upon shipboard by Rev. F. So worth during the year. In the last sixteen years it is estimated that he has 9000 vols. into the hands of sailors, at an aggregate cost of \$3000. . . . **HIGH STREET CHURCH.**—The fifty-second anniversary of the Sunday-school held June 15, '85. **PLYMOUTH CHURCH.**—Voted to disband, and appointed a Committee to give leave of dismission to other churches. The church edifice has been sold to the Cacao Society. . . . **SECOND CHURCH.**—Memorial tablets commemorative of the several pastors have been placed on the walls of the audience room. The vestry repaired renovated. —The Sixty-eighth anniversary of the Sunday-school observed May 10. Reports by Superintendent R. W. Turner, Secretary A. J. Laughlin, and Treas. W. W. Mitchell, address by pastor. —The Chinese School held a festival Jan. 12. —It sent \$35 towards educating Chun Jung in the Theological school at T. Cho, China. . . . **STATE STREET CHURCH.**—Plans are proposed for making a front to the church edifice. **WINDHAM.**—B. F. Dunn, M. D., is now Clergyman of the Church.

**THE PORTLAND CONGREGATIONAL CLUB**, has met monthly from November 10, 1884 to May 13, 1885.—Chief topics were, Nov. 10, address, Prof. Charles J. H. Ropes, of Bangor, on the "Manhood of Christ"—Discussion by members of the Club, as in the other monthly sessions after the topics had been introduced by the persons named; hours of meeting 6 P. M. collations at 6:45 P. M. Dec. 8. Rev. Charles H. Daniels read a paper entitled, "Man and mind—is man a law to himself?" Rev. Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., of Bowdoin College, on the topic, "Some phases of religious thought in England during the last half-century." January 12, 1885. Annual meeting, Report of Committees and election of officers, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College, address on "Wicliffe, Chaucer and England,—their relation to the reform movement of the fourteenth century."—February 9, George S. Rowell Esq., of the Portland Advertiser, opened a discussion of the topic.—"The Newspaper,—its influence." Rev. James Powell, D. D., of New York, address on "The Slave music of the South."—March 9, Discussion on "The influence of physical surroundings upon Character,"—1. National types, opened by William E. Gould, of Portland; 2. Maine and New England air and soil, by C. A. Woodbury, Esq. 3. Effect of architecture, Mr. Horatio Staples. 4. Beautifying school rooms, working places and homes, Prof. Shaylor. 5. Conditions of life, Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Saccarappa, followed by Prof. George N. Marden, of Colorado College, Rev. George W. Christie, of Presque Isle; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland; Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, and others. Address, by Rev. J. W. Bashford, Ph. D., on "The Bible and Woman,"—April 13, "Old Problems requiring new answers." 1. The sanitary condition of our cities, I. T. Dana, M. D., of Portland. 2. The Gospel in our cities, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland. 3. The future of our country churches, Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor.—May 13, address by Rev. Robert R. Meredith, D. D., of Boston, on "The effect of recent discussion and discovery on the Bible." Lady friends invited.

Officers elected, Jan. 12, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, *President*; Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Mr. Thomas Tash, *Vice-Presidents*; Richard Abbot, *Secretary*; Charles S. D. Griffin, *Treasurer*; George M. Seiders, *Auditor*; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Samuel Thurston, Horace W. Shaylor, *Nominating Committee*.

**PORTLAND, STATE ST. CH.**—The thirty-third anniversary of Sunday-school, June 7, 1885. Reports, by Ansel G. Dewey, Supt., A. E. Freeman, Sec. and Treas. Addresses, by Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston, and the Pastor....**ST. LAWRENCE STREET CHURCH.** A new church Manual has been published, well arranged and neatly printed, in a large 12mo. form, 75 pps. Whole number received since the organization of the church in 1858,—340. By confession 190, by letter 150. Transferred to other churches 90; deceased 35; dismissed 3. Present membership 212, males 77; females 135; resident members 161; non-resident 51..**WILLISTON CHURCH** Nineteenth anniversary of the Sunday-school. Report by Dea. J. F. Jefferts, Superintendent. Address, by the Pastor. The expenses of the School are covered by an appropriation from the church fund, and its collections are given to missionary and benevolent work...**WESTBROOK, CUMBERLAND MILLS.** Report of the religious interest, by Rev. E. M. Cousins, in Ch. Mr., March 8, 1885....**WOODFORDS, DEERING.** The church and society raised their debt of \$540, on Easter Sunday.

A Convention of Christian workers held at City Hall, Portland, October 19, 20, 21, 1884. Sermons and addresses, by Mr. D. L. Moody, Rev. A. J. Gordon, Rev. L. B. Bates, and H. M. Moore, of Boston, Rev. H. C. Westwood, of Auburn, Rev. Messrs. F. T. Bayley, J. M. Lowden, and others of Portland....Miss Alice B. Meriam, of Boston, spoke in behalf of the Woman's Home Missionary Association, in Second church, Sunday P. M., Oct. 12, 1884. The society has twenty-two teachers to the Indians, the negroes, the poor whites of Texas, and the border Mexicans. On Monday evening, she addressed the ladies on the condition of women of the east and west, and the need of Christian work among them....Mrs. Amelia S. Quinton, of Philadelphia, presented the cause of the Woman's Indian Commission. The Maine Branch held a meeting in Portland, Jan. 12, 1885....Anniversary of the Portland Young Ladies Mission Band, Feb. 9. Address by

Miss Staples, daughter of a former Consul at Smyrna. Letters read from kindred auxiliaries in the State.... Anniversary of the Portland Benevolent Society, Nov. 30, 1884. Address by Rev. Charles H. Daniels.... Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Maine Bible Society, in Williston church, Portland, May 24, 1885. Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, President, who introduced the services—Scripture reading, by Rev. F. T. Bayley; prayer, Rev. A. Dalton; Reports;—Mr. E. B. Stillson had visited to Sept. 1, several towns in Lincoln, Knox, Penobscot and Franklin Counties visiting 2,849 families; found 176 without Bibles, and supplied them; 1,313 families non-church goers; 1,141 children not attending Sunday-school. Address, by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, 2 Tim. 2:9, "The word of God is not bound".... Books and papers of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, are placed in the rooms of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, Farrington Block, 439 Congress street, where they may be obtained for circulation.... A meeting was held in Portland, Nov. 20, in reference to the progress of Christianity, by educational privileges in Liberia, presented by Professor T. McCants Stewart, of Liberia, Rev. Thomas Hill, and others. In the same interest, a meeting was held in State Street church, Portland, Dec. 21. Addressees, by Professor Stewart, Rev. Wm. P. Fisher, of Brunswick, Rev. H. Blanchard, and others.... Rev. Prof. George N. Marden, of Colorado Springs, presented the claims of Colorado College, in the Second church, Portland, March 8.... Rev. Americus Fuller, of Aintah, Turkey, presented in Portland, Gorham, Cumberland Mills and other places, in March and April, 1885, the work and claims of Foreign Missions.

The seventeenth annual Maine Sunday-school Convention was held in Portland, Oct. 14-16, 1884, in State Street church. Address of welcome by Rev. F. T. Bayley; response by Rev. Wm. H. Clark, President. Various topics presented, by Rev. W. F. Crafts, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass.; Rev. C. H. Pope, of Farmington; Rev. B. P. Snow, of Biddeford; Mrs. S. W. Clark, of Jersey City; Miss Lucia E. Kimball, of Chicago, and others. Reported in Portland Press, Oct. 15-17; Ch. Mirror, Oct. 18.

The third annual Conference of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor was held, Oct. 22, 23, 1884, in Lowell, Mass. Reported by E. H. S. in Ch. Mirror, Nov. 1.... The fourth anniversary of the Society in Williston Ch., Portland, held Jan. 26, 1885. Addressees, by Rev. A. K. P. Small, Rev. J. M. Williams, by the Pastor, and President W. H. Pennell. Reported, Ch. Mir., Feb. 7.... Anniversary of the society in Second ch., Portland, March 26. Address, Rev. C. A. Dickinson, of Lowell, Mass., a former pastor. Reported, Portland Press, March 27.... The third anniversary of the Society in West Ch., Portland, held April 27. Address, by Rev. E. M. Cousins, of Cumberland Mills, a former pastor, and Mr. C. A. Woodbury, of Portland. At each of the above meetings, reports were read from other similar organizations.

**TEMPERANCE.**—Meetings of the Law and Order League have been held in Portland, and efficient work accomplished by it.... The claims of temperance presented in the churches, from time to time.... Temperance Camp-meeting, at Sebago Lake; addresses, by Hon. Senator Frye, and Congressman Dingley, of Lewiston, Gen. Neal Dow, and others.... The twenty-fourth Convention of the Cumberland County Reform Club, held in the church at Bolster's Mills, Oct. 24, 29, 1884. Quarterly meeting of the State Reform Clubs, at Gorham, Dec. 3, 4. Cumberland Reform Club, at South Windham, Jan. 28, 29, 1885.... Mrs. Emily Pitts Stevens, of San Francisco, Cal., delivered an address in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in Second church, Portland, Jan. 17.

The Young Men's Christian Association, of Portland, held its thirty-second anniversary in City Hall, June 8, 1885. Opening remarks, by A. G. Dewey, the President; Prayer, Rev. F. T. Bayley; Scriptures, read by Rev. A. K. P. Small; Report, by the Secretary, Rev. H. P. Winter. Addressees by Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., and Rev. J. W. Bashford, of Portland.—A Woman's Auxiliary to the Association was formed Jan. 29.

**NECROLOGY.**—Rev. Orrin Pitts, in Gilmanton, N. H., Nov. 18, 1884, set 91. Rev. Eddy T. Pitts, of Portland, is a son. Ob. Ch. Mir., Nov. 29....Dea. Arthur Libbey, of St. Lawrence Street church, Portland, Dec. 16, set 65....Mrs. Margaret A., wife of Harrison J. Libbey, in Portland, Dec. 23....Mrs. Susan (Parris) wife of Albert Winslow, in Falmouth, Feb. 1, set 59. Ob. Ch. Mir., Feb. 21....Gen. Edward T. Smith, in Gorham, April 21, 1885, set 77. A great grand-son of Rev. Thomas Smith, pastor First church, Portland, 1727 to 1795. Portland Press, Nov. 22....Mrs. Sarah Western, in Standish, May 22, set 92, widow of Rev. James Weston, pastor in Lebanon, Me., 1825-1836....Stewart A. Strout, of the firm of Thurston & Co., many years printer of the Christian Mirror, in Portland, May 28, set 50. Ob. Ch. Mir., May 30....Mrs. Frances E. Chickering, wife of Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., in Wakefield, Mass., May 30, set 76, of pneumonia. Funeral services, at 10 A. M. on Tuesday. Addresses, by Rev. Messrs. D. N. Beach, her recent pastor, Seth H. Keeler, (formerly of Maine,) and T. J. Holmes, of Newton Center. A portion of the discourse of Mr. Beach is given in the report of the services, in Christian Mirror, June 13. Entombment in Evergreen Cemetery, Portland, June 2. Services conducted by Rev. John J. Carruthers, D. D., Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, D. D., and Rev. Francis Southworth; Pl'd Press. June 3....Dea. Marshall Irish, in Gorham, on Sunday morning, June 28, set 71. Ob. Portland Press, June 29; Ch. Mirror, by Miss S. B. Emery, July 11.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of January; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of each alternate month. *Members.*—Minutes 1879, p. 90.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Scribe of Association.*

## CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Formed in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

Semi-Annual Session, at West Minot, Oct. 28, 29, 1884. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Brunswick, *Moderator pro tem.* Sermons, by Rev. Collins G. Burnham, of South Freeport, John 16:8. Theme.—The Holy Spirit convicting of the sin of unbelief in Christ; and Rev. Richard Wickett, of Pownal, John 15:4, Abiding in Christ. General topic for remarks.—The Holy Spirit. 1. Do we need his special presence at these meetings? Opened by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn. 2. In all our churches. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray. 3. In our Sunday-schools. Dr. J. C. Cushing, and Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport. 4. What encouragement to labor for it. Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, and Rev. R. H. McGown, of Turner. 5. Upon what condition can it be secured; by the Moderator. 6. If not secured, upon whom rests the responsibility? 7. What is the first and most important thing to do? At one time, nearly the whole congregation knelt in prayer, and sought the Divine blessing in an entire consecration of themselves to the service of Christ. Administration of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, and Rev. Richard H. McGown, of Turner.—Deacons, Raudall and Cummings. The presence and aid of Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, formerly of Turner, and Rev. Gilman Rice, of Oxford Conference, were greatly enjoyed.

The entertainment by the West Minot people was cordial, abundant and cheering.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Minot Center, June 9, 10, 1885, where Cumberland Conference met twenty-seven years ago. Rev. John Dinsmore, *Moderator.* Conference Sermon, Rev. John B. Carruthers, of North Yarmouth, Judges 6:11, The angel under the oak.

Sermon before Communion, Rev. George M. Howe, of Lewiston, Matt. 17:4. Theme.—Communion with Christ.



Lord's Supper administered, by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, and Rev. John B. Carruthers, Deacons Rowe and Cummings assisting.

The report of the churches showed that ten of the twenty-five churches have had revivals. Added on profession of faith, 141. Topics of discussion.—1. The report. 2. After the revival, what? 3. The Sunday-school. (a.) How shall we increase the attendance? Opened by Sunday-school Superintendents, Mr. W. S. Larrabee, of Sixth St. church, Auburn. (b.) What improvements in methods of instruction, Deacon S. B. Soule, of Yarmouth. (c.) How shall we retain the young men, Dea. J. D. Holt, of Mechanic Falls, and Mr. Frank A. Haskell, of Auburn. 4. Amusements,—address, by Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn. 5. The social element in church work, opened by Rev. Collins G. Burnham, of South Freeport.

Rev. Americus Fuller presented the foreign mission work; Rev. Dr. Westwood, the American Missionary Association; and Rev. George M. Howe, the subject of proportionate and systematic giving.

The Conference was welcomed most heartily by the people of Minot, and in reply to the vote of thanks, Dea. W. S. Shaw gave a brief sketch of the old church organized in 1791. "A pioneer church in those days, and the mother virtually of the churches at West Auburn, West Minot, High St., and Sixth St., Auburn, and Pine St., Lewiston. It once numbered three hundred members; but is now depleted in membership and reduced in means, so that its pulpit is supplied only on Sunday afternoons, by the minister of a neighboring church. But as its members have been scattered, they have gone every where, carrying the Gospel with them, and making the pillars in many large and strong churches."

**DEDICATION OF THE NEW CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-HOUSE, AT SOUTH FREEPORT, DECEMBER 4, 1884.** Anthem by the choir,—*"Blessed are the people," L. O. Emerson*; invocation, Rev. Preston B. Wing, Freeport; response by choir, *"Hear my cry, O God," Martel*; reading Scriptures, Eph. 2, Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., Yarmouth; prayer, Rev. Horatio Hsley, South Freeport; anthem by choir,—*"We lift up our hearts unto Thee," L. O. Emerson*; Sermon,—Rev. Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland Center, Ps. 84: 1. Theme.—The Sanctuary; why should it be lovely to us, and how ought it to be honored by us; hymn by Choir and Congregation, 1289, Church Hymn Book. *"O thou whose own vast temple stands,"* read by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Auburn; dedicatory prayer by the pastor, Rev. Collins G. Burnham; anthem by the choir, *"Awake put on thy strength," L. O. Emerson*; benediction, Rev. Daniel Lane, Freeport.

Evening.—A meeting was held at which short addresses were made by Rev. Messrs Lauriston Reynolds, Trueman S. Perry, Daniel Lane, and the pastor. General subject.—How to get the greatest good from the new sanctuary.

Cost of the edifice including lot, foundation and furnace \$3610,—all paid. Carpet, lights, and pulpit set extra. Carpet purchased by young ladies. Pulpit set, given by a lady of the church. Chandeliers, by a Sunday-school class of misses, and another class of boys.

The building committee, Capt. Horace B. Soule, Mrs. Lydia Bliss, Miss Lucy Waite. The building is of the Queen Anne style, 37x50 with a bell tower at one corner. There are stained glass windows at either end. The pews are polished hard wood, and the pulpit set of black walnut, upholstered in garnet plush. To the left of the pulpit is the organ loft, and to the right are ante-rooms.

REV. JOSEPH TORREY, D. D., pastor of First church Yarmouth, from March 3, 1875, presented in Jan. 1885, a second letter of resignation. The church reluctantly accepted it, and the action of the church, and the letter to Dr. Torrey, are published in Christian Mirror, Jan'y. 31, '85. A farewell visit, and gifts were made.

REV. FRANCIS W. SANBORN, pastor of Central Ch. Yarmouth, dismissed by Council, May 28, 1884. Record, minutes 1884, p. 77.

Mr. S. installed pastor First church, Newbury, Mass., Nov. 20, '84.

REV. FRANCIS D. KELSEY, pastor at New Gloucester, from April 6, 1880, resigns, February 1885.—Dismissed by Council, March 24, 1885. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Moderator*; Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of Saco, *Scribe*. Record, Ch. Mir.. March 23. Friends met in the vestry, April 2, to bid Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey farewell, and God-speed to their new field of labor, in Helena, Montana. A watch had been presented previously to Mrs. K. as a memento of esteem.

REV. RICHARD WICKETT, acting-pastor at Pownal, from July 1, 1879, resigns, Dec. 1884, and goes to Lyman, York Conference.

REV. JOHN DINSMORE, Brunswick, supplies the church in Harpswell.

REV. LAURISTON REYNOLDS completed in June, 1885, ten years of his ministration as pastor of the Sixth St. church, Auburn. A testimony that he is well beloved by his people, is given in a notice in Lewiston Journal, March 23, 1885. Seventy-five added to the church, for the year ending June, 1885. July 1885, Mr. R. resigned, to take effect Aug. 1. Accepts call to First ch., Yarmouth, Me.

REV. TRUMAN S. PERRY, of Cumberland, gave a lecture before the Greeley Institute, in December, on kindness to animals, and the Memorial Discourse, before the W. L. Haskell Post, G. A. R., Yarmouth.

AUBURN.—Messrs. Allen and Jones, Evangelists, held meetings in the Spring, drawing the attention of the people, to an unusual degree, to the claims of the Gospel.—Subsequently, Rev. S. Hartwell Pratt, and Mr. R. Birdsall, both of New York city, with the co-operation of the pastors, conducted a series of meetings, deepening largely the religious interest, and leading many to consecrate themselves to Christ, and his cause. The pastors bore public testimony to the Evangelists for their personal character, their Christian spirit, and entire devotion to their work. Reference to the work in Lewiston Journal, March 30, April 1, 13, May 1.... LEWISTON.—A series of union meetings held, sustained by the Evangelical churches. Messrs. Folger and Jackson, Evangelists, conducted meetings in the Spring.—The Salvation army, in their peculiar manner, draw a class not heretofore reached to their meetings.... MECHANIC FALLS.—A course of lectures was arranged for the winter. Among the lecturers were Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Brunswick; Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn; Rev. C. H. Daniels, of Portland.... TURNER.—Pres. M. C. Fernald gave a lecture on the power of a Sunbeam.—The Centennial of the town is to be observed July 7, 1886.

Rev. Joseph K. Greene, D. D., missionary from Turkey, presented the work of Missions in July and August, '84, at Lewiston and Auburn.... The Semi-annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held in High St. church, Auburn, Oct. 30, 1884, Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, presiding. After devotional exercises, Miss Jeannette L. Crie, of Portland, read a letter from Constantinople, respecting the Home School. Addresses were made by Miss E. H. Stanwood, of the Bureau of Exchange, Mission rooms, Boston, Mrs. Knapp, of Biddeford, in the Turkish mission, Mrs. Weeks, of Portland, Mrs. H. C. Westwood, of Auburn, and others. A collation was served at noon, in the lecture room. Meeting reported in Lewiston Journal, Oct. 31.... Prof. J. McCants Stewart, of Liberia, presented in Pine St. ch., Lewiston, Sunday evening, Feby. 22, '85, the claims of Africa, referring chiefly to the Congo river, the Congo land, and the Congo people. Lewiston Journal, Feby. 23. Appeal by Ministers in Auburn for a Boat, the "Auburn," to be used in the rivers of Africa, Lewiston Journal, Dec. 4, '84.... The Little Wanderers, from the Baldwin Home in Boston, at Lewiston, April 26.... The Maine Deaf Mute Mission held its sixth annual meeting, in New Gloucester, Aug. 30, 31, 1884. In addition to the business, discussions, etc., Rev. Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, preached a sermon, which was interpreted by Rev. Samuel Rowe, of West Boxford, Mass., State Missionary. Prof. Melville Ballard, a deaf-mute, and one of the teachers in the deaf-mute College, in Washington, D. C., preached a discourse, which was interpreted to the hearing audience, by Rev. Francis D. Kelsey.

State Convention of Reform Clubs in Auburn, March 4, '85....Mass temperance meeting in Brunswick, on Fast Day, April 23, 1885.

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the General Secretaries of the State Associations, at Auburn, Sep. 4, '84. A public meeting held in the evening....Annual meeting of the Auburn Association, April 19, '85. Receipts \$2,637.83....Anniversary of the Lewiston Association, April 19. Receipts \$1508....Rev. George M. Howe gave an address on Missions before the Christian Association of the College, March 22....Association formed in Turner, August 2, 1884.

**NECROLOGY.**—Dea. Horace Barbour, in Lewiston, Oct. 14, 1884, *aet* 85. One of the five most interested in the organization of Pine St. church....Col. John M. Frye, in Lewiston, Jan. 1, 1885. Ob. Ch. Mirror, Jan. 10....Mrs. Sarah Dingley, in Auburn, Jan. 12, *aet* 93....William Milliken, in West Auburn, Jan. 27, *aet* 67. Ob., Ch. Mirror, Feb. 7....Mr. Nicholas Rideout, in New Gloucester, March 10. Many years leading in the service of song. Ob. Ch. Mirror, March 21....H. C. Wentworth, in Auburn, June 23....Mrs. Carrie W. Cary, in Deadwood, Dakota, June 27, a daughter of Rev. Isaac Weston, pastor in Cumberland; 1880.

Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, *Registrar and Treasurer*.

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION**, organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of each alternate month. *Members, Minutes* 1879, p. 90. Rev. Francis Southworth of Portland, *Scribe*.

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1839.

**THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the church at New Sharon, June 9, 10, 1885. Rev. Charles H. Pope, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon,—Rev. Francis Newport, of Wilton, Josh. 1: 6—9. God's promise to the children of Israel. Conference Sermon, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Farmington Falls, Eph. 3: 19. The love of Christ. Topics for remarks,—1. Church Growth,—numerical and spiritual,—how hindered, introduced by Dea. S. Wilder; how promoted, by Dea. N. W. Sewall. 2. Short and long pastorates; the causes of short pastorates, the desirability of long ones, by Mr. F. A. Holt. Rev. Americus Fuller, of Aintab, Turkey, spoke of Foreign Missions, and the Moderator of the American Missionary Association, and the Am. Home Missionary Soc. Report of the churches, by Rev. Charles H. Pope. Prayer-meeting at 6 A. M. Wednesday. During the forenoon session, reference was made to members of the various churches who had died. Rev. Francis Newport, and the Moderator, administered the Lord's Supper.

REV. FRANCIS NEWPORT, (Bangor, Sem., 1862,) acting pastor at Wilton, from April 12, 1885.

REV. ARTHUR G. FITZ, acting pastor at Wilton, from Dec. 1, 1880, resigns, preaching his farewell discourse, Jan. 18, 1885. Accepts a call to South Paris.

REV. J. LAWRENCE HILL, acting pastor at New Sharon and Farmington Falls from July 1, 1882, resigns, April, 1885.—Mr. George R. Freeman, *Licentiate*, supplies three months. Rev. John W. R. Baker supplied for a time at Farmington Falls. He preached the Memorial sermon G. A. R., at New Sharon.

REV. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, acting pastor at Phillips, from June 1, 1881, closes his labors there May 31, 1885.

Olin H. Tracey, *Licentiate* from Bates College, supplied at Strong, from Sept. 21, 1884.

REV. DANIEL D. TAPPAN, of Weld, removed in May, 1885, to Topsfield, Mass., to the home of one of his children.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Secretary of the Am. Peace Society, delivered addresses in Farmington and the vicinity, in the Autumn....Rev. Lyman Abbott, of New York City, delivered the address at the anniversary of the Normal School, Farmington, June 11, '85....Reference to a new church Manual, new Hymn Book. Young people's society of Christian endeavor, and to Union meetings, aided by Rev. E. A. Whittier, on page 35. The latter referred to in Lewiston Journal, April 2, 1885.

The building known as the Farmington Town Meeting-house, the religious home for the old settlers in Farmington, used since as the old Court House building, has been bought by the town, for a Town-house; March 1885.

Rev. Dr. Cuyler, of New York, spent a Sabbath and preached in New Sharon.

The Franklin County Sunday-school Convention met in Wilton, Oct. 24, 1884. W. L. Daggett, of Strong, President; Dea. J. P. Thwing, of Farmington; Vice-President. Rev. Charles H. Pope preached a sermon to the children, in the evening. Next meeting in Strong. Lewiston Jn'l, Oct. 25....The South Franklin Sunday-school Conference was held in the Congregational church, Wilton, June 25, 1885. Words of welcome by Rev. Francis Newport. Rev. Americus Fuller, of the Aintab Mission, Turkey, addressed the children.

Franklin County Educational Association, held at Strong, Nov. 14, 15, 1884, at Farmington, May 24, 23, 1885.

Forrest G. Small, of Onida, Dakota, son of Rev. U. W. Small, Turner and Wilton, 1874-'8, was waylaid and murdered, Dec. 4, '84, in going to a neighboring town.... John B. Eaton, M. D. died in Wilton, April 6, 1885, at 55....Mrs. Ann Sydney Carter, wife of Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, died in Weld, May 6, at 70.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Farmington, *Reporter*; Dea. S. R. Lancaster, of New Sharon, *Treasurer*.

Next annual meeting in Wilton, June 8, 9, 1886.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION included in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held with the church at Bar Harbor, October 7, 8, 1884. Mr. Alfred F. Adams, of Castine, *Moderator*, Rev. Charles W. Huntington, of Ellsworth, *Scribe*. Opened at ten o'clock A. M., with a prayer and praise meeting. Topics for discussion.—1. The help of the Holy Spirit in Christian effort. (a) Its importance, opened by Rev. Joseph E. Swallow, Somesville. (b) How it may be secured, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Mt. Desert. 2. The importance of systematic giving, Rev. Charles W. Huntington, Ellsworth. 3. The tendency on the part of children and youth to substitute the Sunday-school for the regular church service. (a) The evil of it, Rev. Amos Redlon, S. W. Harbor. (b) How shall it be remedied, Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, of Cumberland Conference. 4. What, for the Sunday-school, is the right order and method of study, Rev. Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle. 5. How can Christ be more consciously realized in personal religious experience, Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport. Sermons.—Rev. William Forsyth, Mark 7: 24, "But he could not be hid;" Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. Theme.—The progress of the Gospel, notwithstanding opposition.

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, at Mt. Desert, Somesville, June 9, 10, 1885, Mr. Alfred F. Adams, of Castine, *Moderator*; Charles L. Skinner, of West Brooksville, *Scribe*. Topics for remark.—1. What are the limits of Christian comity, opened by Rev. Alfred J. McGown, Bar Harbor. 2. What should be done to secure a better observance of the Lord's Day, Rev. Amos Redlon, of S. W. Harbor. 3. How shall progress and development be secured to our churches, Rev. John P. Cushman, Castine. 4. What we are doing individually for Christ, Mr. Alfred F. Adams, Castine. 5. Soul winning, Rev. Charles H. Gates, Deer Isle. Papers were read on the following subjects.—How can we bring the children into the regular habit of attending church services? Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., Ellsworth; Does the success of the Sunday-school depend upon a Sunday-school Library? Rev. Henry A. Freeman, Bluehill. The need of coercive discipline in Sabbath School management, Rev. William Forsyth, Bucksport.

REV. JOHN PAINE CUSHMAN, (Union Coll., 1851, Union T. Sem., 1856,) accepts call to Castine, January 1885. Installed pastor, Aug. 13, 1885.

REV. HENRY ALLEN FREEMAN, (Bangor Sem., 1878,) accepts call to Bluehill, April, 1885.

REV. CHARLES W. HUNTINGTON, pastor at Ellsworth from September 6, 1881, dismissed by Council, Nov. 25, 1884; Rev. Joseph E. Swallow, of Mt. Desert, *Moderator*; Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Bar Harbor, *Scribe*. Record, Ch. Mir., Dec. 6. Mr. H. installed pastor Central church, Providence, R. I., Dec. 17, 1884.

SALEM DARIUS TOWNE, (Bangor Seminary, 1885,) ordained pastor of the Union Congregational church, Ellsworth Falls, June 30, 1885. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Lyndon S. Crawford, of Topsfield, Mass., *Scribe*. Introductory service of ordination, by the Moderator; reading the Scriptures, Charles L. Skinner, of West Brooksville; prayer, Rev. E. A. Herring, of the Baptist church, Ellsworth; Hymn; Sermon, Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor Seminary, 2 Cor., 5: 19. Theme.—The three great doctrines,—the Divinity of Christ; the atonement; justification by faith. Ordaining prayer, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth; charge, Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; right-hand, Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, of Bangor; charge to the people, Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Bar Harbor; address by Prof. Chas. J. H. Ropea, of Bangor Seminary; benediction by the pastor.

This church, organized May 24, 1874, as a Union church, with twenty-five members, voted June 10, 1885, to become a Congregational church, and was received to the Conference.

The present number of male members, 11; female members, 23; total, 34. Non-resident, 3. Added on confession the last year, 9; adults baptized, 7; in Sunday-school, 130; families, 85; contribution for Foreign Missions, \$5; Home Expenditures, \$600. Church clerk, Nahum Flood; Superintendent Sunday-school, F. E. Hartshorn. Mr. Towne commenced labors among them, June, 1883.

REV. ALFRED J. MCGOWN, at Bar Harbor, from July 7, 1883, resigns, February, 1885.

REV. SAMUEL BOWKER, pastor at Bluehill, 1860-1867, was installed pastor of the church in Ballardvale, Mass., (Andover) June 24, '85.

A UNION EVANGELICAL CHURCH was organized at North Ellsworth, Jan. 4, 1885, with twenty-seven members. The result of a work of grace, attending the ministry of Mr. Salem D. Towne, and others. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, Rev. Alfred J. McGown, with Mr. Towne, took part in the service. "The church is organized on the Union plan, with a simple evangelic creed, and its basis is indicated by this article in its constitution, viz:—"The government of this church shall be by the members, under Christ, and it will give and receive advice from sister churches." Reported, Ch. Mir., Jan. 18.

The Union Evangelical Meeting-house at Green's Landing, Deer Isle, was dedicated July 12, 1885. Reading of the Scriptures, Ps. 121, 122, by Rev. Mr. Cleaveland, of Oceanville, (Baptist); prayer, Rev. Mr. Harding, of Ellsworth, (Baptist); sermon, by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, Sec. of the Maine Missionary Society, 2 Chron., 24:13. Theme.—God is honored, and His people are blessed in a proper care for the Sanctuary; dedicatory prayer, Rev. Moses G. Prescott, of Deer Isle, (Methodist.) The service of song was led by an excellent local choir; benediction, by Rev. William W. Curtis, of the Japan Mission.

In the afternoon, a second service was held. Sermon, by Rev. M. G. Prescott, of Deer Isle, Ps. 119:130. Theme.—The spread of the gospel light, and its effect on the human family.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, of First church, Deer Isle; Rev. Orson P. Allen, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey; Rev. W. W. Curtis, of the Mission to Japan; and Rev. J. Boyd, of Newport, (Free Baptist) took part in the service.

An evening service was also held. After a Praise meeting, Rev. M. G. Prescott preached a sermon, Matt. 19:21. Theme.—Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.

There will be services every Sunday, led a part of the time by Rev. M. G. Prescott, and the rest of the time by some one provided by the Maine Missionary Society. Ch. Mir., July 13.

**BAR HARBOR.**—Visitors take part in sustaining public Worship, and conducting Bible classes during the summer.... Letter from Mt. Desert, in Congregationalist, July 31, and Aug. 21, by Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson.... **BLUEHILL.**—The Meeting-house and parsonage, repaired and renovated.... **CASTINE.**—Mrs. Lucy M. Adams left generous legacies to several benevolent and missionary objects.... Reception of Rev. John P. Cushman and family, May 4, 1885, in the new parsonage provided.... The "Desert Palm," which has been sustained for several years, by the change of residence of its originators, has now its head quarters at Castine. The fifth report published March, 1885. A letter from the Secretary in Sailors' Magazine, May, 1885, p. 166.... The "Rainbow Band" has been instituted, composed of little girls who meet weekly, to prepare articles for charitable and missionary purposes. Thirty bags have been made, and a Bible with sewing materials, etc., put into each and sent to Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland, to be furnished to seamen. Reported, Sailors' Magazine, Aug., p. 266.... Among the summer visitors at Castine, who have supplied the pulpit, are Rev. Dr. Riddle, of Hartford, Conn.; Rev. E. G. Porter, of Lexington; Rev. Geo. M. Adams, D. D., of Holliston, Mass.; Rev. Geo. C. Adams, of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Joel S. Ives, of Stratford, Ct.... **DEER ISLE.**—A new parsonage provided.... The church edifice of the First church, destroyed by fire, two hours after the morning service, March 22, 1885. Twenty years ago the meeting-house on the same site was burned. Efforts are being made to re-build.... A letter touching the religious interest here, from Rev. E. A. Harlow, in Ch. Mir., March 21.

**NECROLOGY.**—An address at the funeral of Richard P. Buck, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 10, 1884, by Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., is published in the Sailors' Magazine for September, 1884, p. 279—287. The letter of the physician, referring to his last hours is appended, p. 286. The remarks of Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, are in Sailors' Magazine for October, p. 30, 31.... Dea. Benjamin Atherton, in Bluehill, Oct. 19, 1884, set 92.... Dea. David Wasson, in West Brooksville, Nov. 19, set 91, Ob. Ch. Mir., Dec. 6.... Capt. M. K. Chase, in Bluehill, Dec. 27, set 62.... The funeral of Hon. J. T. Hinckley, was held in the Congregational church, Bluehill, Feb. 9, 1885; services conducted by Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Searsport, a former pastor. Lewiston Journal, Feb. 11.... Capt. Jesse Dutton, in Ellsworth, May 14, 1885, set 80.

Hancock County Educational Association in Ellsworth, October 9—11, 1884. At Bluehill, May 22, 23, 1885.

Charles L. Skinner, of West Brooksville, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*, Rev. Joseph E. Swallow, Mt. Desert, (Somesville) *Reporter*.

**HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.** Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Re-organized at Bluehill, Nov. 10, 1840. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August, and November. *Members, Minutes 1879, p. 91. Rev. Alfred E. Ives Castine, Scribe.*

### KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823. Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** of the Kennebec and Somerset Conference, held with the church in Winslow, October 28, 29, 1884; Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell, *Moderator.*

Discussions.—1. The relation of helpfulness between pastor and people. (a) In developing the spiritual power of the church, opened by Rev. Ezra N. Smith, Waterville, and Mr. S. S. Brooks. (b.) In securing a larger attendance upon divine worship, Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, and Dea. H. L. Crosby. The Bible, the Word of God. (a) In its Origin, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, Jr., Norridgewock, and Rev. Edward Chase, Hallowell. (b) In its Contents, Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, Augusta, and Rev. Henry V. Emmons, Hallowell. (c) In its Influence, Rev. Richard M. Peacock, Monmouth, and Rev. Francis Newport, South Gardiner. 3. What can we do individually to secure a revival of religion in our churches, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, D. D., Litchfield, and Mr. John B. Bradbury, Waterville. Conference Sermon, Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Gardiner, Acts 2: Theme,—“Conditions of receiving the Endowment of Power.”

**THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING** with the church in Richmond, June 9, 1885. Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell, *Moderator.* Sermons, by Rev. Edwin Harlow, State Missionary, Luke 16: 10. “He that is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much.”—Rev. Thomas P. Williams, of Winslow, John 11: 17—Jesus the tomb of Lazarus. Topics for remarks.—The part of the people in public worship and what should be done to give them a larger part in the service; the prayer meeting,—what can be done to make it more interesting. Prof. Lawrence Roll, Principal of Hallowell Classical School presented the interests of that Institution. Among others present and taking part in the service of Conference, were Messrs. A. F. Skeele, J. T. Hawes, William C. Curtis, R. M. Peacock, R. V. Jenkins, E. N. Smith, Messrs. S. S. Brooks, and J. B. Bradbury.

**REV. RICHARD WILLIAM JENKINS**, (Bangor Sem. 1874,) installed pastor of the church in Gardiner, July 28, 1885.—Council met at 10 A. M., Rev. Edward Chase of Hallowell, *Moderator*; Rev. Thomas P. Williams, Winslow, *Scribe.* Installation services at 2:30, P. M. Anthem by the Choir, “It is a good thing to give thanks.” Minutes of Council by Scribe; Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Mr. Bridgman, hymn 1022, Songs of the Sanctuary, “Let Zion’s watchmen all awake”; installation prayer, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; charge to the pastor, Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, of Augusta; right-hand of fellowship, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Boothbay; address to the people, Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond; hymn 1029, “Holy Lord, our God.”

By the same Council the pastoral relation of Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK, to this church was dissolved.—He was installed pastor February 2, 1864, and resigned in 1882.

**REV. WILLIAM F. OBEAR**, pastor at Winthrop, from October 19, 1881,—resigned Sept. 1884, to take effect Oct. 1, 1884, acting pastor at Maplewood, Mass.

**REV. JAMES BYRON HAWES**, (Bangor Sem., 1885,) pastor elect of church at Winthrop, July, 1885.

**REV. FRANCIS NEWPORT**, pastor at South Gardiner, from June 11, 1882,—resigned and closed labors, March 29, 1885. Accepts call to Wilton.

Rev. Edward Hawes, pastor at Waterville, 1858 to '64, installed pastor of First church in Burlington, Vt. April 15, 1885.

**THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN GARDINER,** was observed July 23, 1885, in the afternoon, after the installation of Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, as its pastor, noticed page 90. The Pastor presiding.—The Scriptures were read by Rev. James B. Hawes, of Winthrop; prayer by Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell; historical discourse by the pastor, Text Isa. 60: 20. "The little one shall become a thousand. \* \* \* \* I the Lord will hasten it in his time"; prayer, by Rev. Thomas P. Williams, of Winslow; administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, of Augusta, and Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Boothbay. Deacons,—H. M. Harlow, of Augusta, and T. C. Ellis, of Waterville; benediction by Rev. A. F. Skeele.

From 6 to 7 o'clock P. M., a bountiful supper was served in the vestry to the members of the church and society, and to the guests present. The ladies on the committee deserved much credit for their efforts. Rev. Josiah T. Hawes presided, and asked the blessing.

At 7.30 P. M. further exercises were held, the Pastor presiding. These were opened with an anthem by the choir,—*"Lo the gentle eve declineth"*; the congregation with the choir, united in singing during the evening.—Hymn 176, *"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*; 275,—*"Sing to the Lord"*; 1134,—*"Triumphant Zion, lift thy voice"*;—Opening prayer by William H. McBride, of Pittston. Letters were read by the pastor from former pastors, and remarks made by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, who is the only one living of the Council which organized the church, July 28, 1835; by Rev. J. L. Harney, church of the Disciples, Gardiner; Rev. L. D. Evans, Boothbay; Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond; and Rev. J. B. Hawes, of Winthrop. Bro. J. M. Larrabee, a member of the church, read a fine poem; Benediction by the Pastor. The wish is expressed that this church may have fifty years more of faithful and effective service for God and man.—The attendance was very large at all the services, which were of great interest.

The Historical address referred to the meetings held for two years previous to the organization of the church, in the School-house on Summer St., and in the old Hall, both of which are now gone, and to the calling of a Council, of which Rev. Benjamin Tappan, Augusta, was *Moderator*, and Rev. Henry C. Jewett, Winslow, *Scribe*. The public services were, invocation by Rev. Prince Hawes, of Clinton; sermon by the Moderator; Organization of the church, and prayer by Rev. Thomas Adams, of Waterville; fellowship of the churches by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes of Topsham; prayer, Rev. George Shepard, of Hallowell.

The pastors have been Seth Sweetser, 1836-38, \* Worcester, Mass. 1878; Aaron C. Adams, 1839-41, now in Thompson, Ct; Josiah W. Peet 1841-48, now in Nevanville, Io.; William L. Hyde, 1849-56, now in Jamestown, N. Y.; Harvey M. Stone, 1857-60, \* Sandersville, Mass. 1881; John W. Dodge, 1860-63, now in Yarmouth, Mass. Austin L. Park, 1864-82, now in Southern California. Richard W. Jenkins, a.p. from January 1884.

Of the ten original members of the church, Mrs. Olive Whitney, in Michigan, and Mrs. Ruth Patten, in Richmond, Me., are the only surviving members. Three hundred and sixty-four members have been received, of these 102 have died; 116 transferred to other churches, and nine have been excluded. Present number, 137. The house of worship was dedicated, Nov. 23, 1836, Rev. John W. Chickering, of Portland, preaching the sermon.

**AUGUSTA.**—Rev. C. Bullard, of Hartford, Conn., Sect. of Am. Tract Soc., presented Oct. 5, '84, the work of the Society. Union meetings were held by the four Evangelical churches in March and April.—The "Salvation army" establish meetings.—E. C. Allen & Co. publish an edition of the Revised version of the Bible. .... The annual Report of the Young Men's Christian Association gave the number of members 160; one hundred are connected with the boy's branch. Receipts \$1,177.60; expenditures \$1,147.67. Library increased and considerable Christian work done. .... BENTON, has secured a new organ to aid in the service of song....



**GARDINER SOUTH**, church edifice re-opened after repairs, Sep. 21, '84. Sermon by Rev. Francis Newport, acting-pastor, Luke 4: 16. Theme,—Jesus and the gogue. The interior was newly painted; newly cushioned, and furnished with stained-glass windows, with other little repairs costing about \$270. . . **HALLOWES**. The building committee of the church have closed a contract for the completion of the church edifice and vestry. The home of Rev. Henry V. Emmons, burned 29, '85. It contained many valuable portraits, books and relics gathered by his father Judge Emmons, which were destroyed. . . **MOXMOOUTH**.—The pastor's course of historical Bible lectures, on Sunday evenings, illustrated by painted canvasses. . . **RIVERSIDE**.—The meeting-house burned with the Furniture, (C. Bell, etc. Feb. 11, 1885. Loss \$2000. No Insurance.—David C. French, Andover Seminary, supplying at Vassalboro, from May, 1885. . . **WINSLOW**.—The house and Parsonage repaired and renovated.

Frederic G. Chutter at Riverside, supplying from July 1, 1882, resigned Jan. 1885, and goes to Center and East Andover, N. H.

Kennebec County Educational Association in Gardiner, Jan. 2, 3, 1885.

Temperance mass meeting at Maranawcook, July 26, 27, 1884. Addresses by Robie, Hon. Nelson Dingley and others. . . Meeting of the State Reform Club at Richmond camping ground, August 21. . . Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at Gardiner, Sep. 3-4. Among the speakers, were Frank Willard, President of the National Soc., Mrs. Emily Pitt Stevens, of San Francisco, and Miss M. Hathaway, of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. B. Pearsons of Newham, Eng. Mrs. B. E. Green, of Wilmington, N. C. . . A Temperance Convention in Augusta, Jan. 28, 29, 1885, of all open Temperance organizations in the State to form a State Law and Order League. This was formed, and Rev. Ian Warren, D. D., of Portland, elected President.

Hon. William Caldwell died in Augusta, March 8, 1885, at 74. A member of the South Church more than 40 years. He was in the office of the State Treasurer forty-four years, through all the changes of administration, except one. From 1874 he was State Treasurer, serving the full Constitutional term. . . Mrs. Woodward, wife of Dea. Henry Woodward, and daughter of Dea. Daniel C. Winthrop, March 24. Tribute to her great worth and work, Ch. Mirror, Apr.

Rev. Thomas P. Williams, of Winslow, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*

Semi-annual meeting of Kennebec Conference, at Augusta, Oct., 6, 7, Annual meeting, in Waterville, June 8, 9, 1886.

**KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION**, were united April 23, 1867. A meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. *Members, Minutes 1879, Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, Scribe.*

## LINCOLN AND SAGadahoc CONFERENCE

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting, Tuesday before the Wednesday in June.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** with the church in Union, Oct. 28, 29, 1884. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Tilton, *Scribe*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Wilber Rand, of Waldeboro, Eph. 4:3 1 Thess. 5:19, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit," "Quench not the Spirit." Closing Sermon, Rev. George H. Scott, of Rockland, John 14:21, "He that his commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me," etc. Topical remarks.—Spiritual declension,—causes and cure, opened by Rev. Omar W. F. of Bath. Revivals,—opened by the Moderator; music in worship, opened by Charles H. Percival, of Wiscasset. The church,—what it is; who should be in

of it, opened by Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Thomaston. Tuesday evening, a Praise service was held, led by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union. The Lord's Supper administered, by Rev. J. Everts Pond, of Warren, and Rev. Charles H. Percival, of Wiscasset.

The Ladies held a Missionary meeting in the vestry, Wednesday morning.

A bountiful collation was served in the vestry at the close of the session, Wednesday, A. M.

THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING was held at Boothbay Harbor, Second church, June 8, 9, 1886. Dea. George B. Kenniston, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, *Scribe*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Charles H. Percival, of Wiscasset, 1 Chron. 12:32. Theme.—Understanding the times. Devotional services, Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Phippsburg. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Omar W. Folsom, of Bath, Mark 4:26, 27, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth," etc. Topics discussed.—How to increase true spirituality in our churches, opened by the Scribe. The Sabbath School,—how made interesting and beneficial, opened by Rev. Omar W. Folsom and Rev. Albert N. Jones. The prayer-meeting, opened by the Scribe. Revivals,—opened by Rev. A. Frederic Dunnels, of Bath, and Rev. Charles H. Percival, of Wiscasset. A prayer-meeting held Tuesday A. M., led by Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, of Edgcomb. Praise meeting Tuesday evening, led by the Moderator. All Superintendents of Congregational Sunday-schools, within the limits of Conference, were made members of Conference.

Growing out of the discussion of the Annual Report of the churches by the Scribe, a Committee of three was appointed to provide preaching and pastoral care, as far as possible during the summer and autumn, for the feeble churches of the Conference.

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, and Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, of Edgcomb; Deacons,—Glidden, Smith, Kenniston and Dodge.

REV. CHARLES DODD CRANE, (Princeton, 1869, Union Sem., 1874,) installed pastor, Second church, New Castle, September 9, 1884. Council met at 2 P. M., Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles A. Marsh, of Thomaston, *Scribe*. Installation services, 7 P. M.; Organ prelude; Doxology by the choir and Congregation all standing. Invocation, Rev. C. V. Hanson, of the Baptist church, Damariscotta. Result of the Council, by the Scribe; anthem by the choir, "How beautiful upon the mountains;" reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Charles H. Percival, of Wiscasset; sermon, Rev. Frank T. Bayley, Portland, John 6:35. Theme.—Christ the Great Indispensable; Hymn 763, Spiritual songs, by the choir and congregation,—"We bid thee welcome; installing prayer, Rev. Omar W. Folsom, Bath; following this, a choir of children sang a welcome to the pastor; charge to pastor, by the Moderator; right-hand, Rev. J. Everts Pond, Warren; address to people, by the Scribe; prayer, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, Boothbay; response, by the choir; benediction by pastor.

REV. OMAR WHITE FOLSOM, (Dartmouth, 1869; Andover, 1872) installed pastor of the Winter St. church, Bath, September 16, 1884. Council met 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. Henry C. Westwood, D. D., of Auburn, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, *Scribe*. Installation services, 7.30 P. M.; Organ Voluntary, Miss J. R. Morse; invocation, Rev. Preston B. Wing, of Freeport; result of Council, by the Scribe; anthem by the choir, "Te Deum Laudamus," in C. Ly Stephens; reading of Scripture, by Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick; hymn 1010, Plymouth Collection; Sermon, Prof. George Harris, of Andover, Ezekiel 47:91, "And every thing shall live, whither the river cometh." Theme.—The life giving power of the Gospel in a sinful world; installing prayer, by the Moderator; hymn 1015; charge to pastor, Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Portland; right-hand of fellowship, Rev. George M. Howe, of Lewiston; address to the people, Rev. Leavitt H. Halleck, of Portland; doxology; benediction by the pastor.

By the same Council REV. JOHN ORR FISKE, who was ordained in church, August 17, 1843 was released from his charge. Resolutions in reference to his long and faithful pastorate, which are published in Sept. 20, 1884.

AMOS FREDERIC DUNNELS, (Amherst, 1881; Andover, 1884) was installed pastor of Central church, Bath, October 2, 1884. Council met Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, *Moderator*; Rev. Arthur F. Augusta, *Scribe*. Ordination services at 7 P. M.; Organ Voluntary, by Duncan; anthem by the choir, composed by the director, Mr. Z. "Awake O Zion! put on thy strength;" reading of the Minutes of the the Scribe; invocation and reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Henry C. Woolwich; Hymn 939, Plymouth Collection; sermon, Rev. Michael I. Roxbury, Mass., Gal. 6: 14, "But far be it from me, that I should glory cross of our Lord Jesus Christ;" admission of Mr. Dunnels to me Central church; ordaining and installing prayer, by the preacher; an choir, "How beautiful upon the mountains;" charge to pastor, Rev. Hincks, of Andover, Mass.; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Omar of Winter St. church, Bath; address to the people, by the Moderator; p Scribe; doxology; benediction by the pastor.

REV. WILLIAM R. RICHARDS dismissed by Council from Central ch May 8, 1884. Records 1884 p. 80. Farewell sermon, Zech. 2: 5, 6. Ch. 29, 1884.

CHARLES HOMER PERCIVAL, (Colby, 1878; Amherst, 1879; Andover, 1884) installed pastor of Central church, Bath, October 2, 1884. Council met at 2 P. M., Rev. George A. Street, of Edinburg, *Moderator*; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, *Scribe*. Ordination services at 7 P. M.; Organ Voluntary, by Frederic Sewall; anthem by choir, "Angel of Peace"; reading of the Minutes of the Council, by the Scribe; invocation by Rev. David Q. Holyoke, of Edgemoor; reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, of Edgemoor; Spiritual Songs, "Jesus shall reign;" sermon by Rev. William P. Fisher, 1 John 4: 15-21. Theme.—Love for man; ordaining and installing prayer, by the Moderator, a former pastor, (1864 1871;) anthem, "The Pilgrim right-hand, Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle; Hymn 35, "I love the Lord;" charge to pastor, by the Scribe; address to people; prayer, Rev. Thayer, of Woolwich; Hymn 824, "Blest be the tie;" benediction Organ postlude.

Mr. Percival has been acting-pastor of this church from Oct. 6, 1883.

REV. GEORGE H. SCOTT, of Lawrence, Kansas, acting-pastor at Rock church, October, 1884.

REV. ALBERT NEWTON JONES, (Bangor Sem., 1871) acting-pastor at Rock church, from Nov. 1, 1884.

REV. WILBER RAND, (Bangor Sem., 1882) acting-pastor at Walden church, September 5, 1884.

W. J. Shelton, *Licentiate*, supplies at Alna and First church, 13 months from June, 1885.

REV. J. EVARTS POND, pastor at Warren, from June 19, 1879, resigns by Council, Feb. 18, 1885. Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, Rev. Wilber Rand, Waldoboro, *Scribe*. Record Ch. Mir., Feb. 28. Ac Alfred.

REV. CHARLES A. MARSH, acting-pastor at Thomaston, from June resigns Jan., 1885.—Resolutions of regret and esteem passed by the church Mir., Jan., 31. Rev. Thomas L. Gulick, late Missionary to Spain, Thomaston, May and June, 1885.

**EDGECOMB.**—Received a communion service from the Plymouth church, Portland, May, 1886....**THOMASTON.**—Church edifice slightly damaged by a fire, Jan. 31, 1885, from a burning building fifteen feet distant. Saved from destruction by the most strenuous exertion of firemen and citizens....**UNION.**—In the ministry of Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, in this town and vicinity for twenty-five years, he has preached 3000 sermons and given 4000 extemporaneous talks....**WALDOBORO.**—Repairs have been completed on the chapel, making a very pleasant and attractive room....**WOOLWICH.**—The old meeting-house erected in 1757-59, (Nequasset) came near being destroyed by fire Sunday evening, March 22, 1885. Fire was seen at the sill, creeping upwards. A prompt application of water saved the building.

**THE MORNING STAR**, built for the Am. Board C. F. M., by the New England Ship Building Company, Bath, was launched August 6, 1884. Appropriate services were held in the Ship-yard, conducted by Rev. Omar W. Folsom, of Bath; united in singing, "From Greenland's icy mountains;" prayer was offered by Rev. Alden B. Robbins, D.D., Muscatine, Iowa; address by Hon. Alpheus Hardy, of Boston, Chairman of the Prudential Committee of the Board; Hymn sung, "The morning light is breaking;" benediction by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath. Captain Isaiah Bray, who has been six years in the employ of the Board, and will command the vessel, was present. Excursions were made from various points, and there was a large and interested audience.—Reported Bath Papers and Portland Press, etc., Aug. 7; *Missionary Herald* for Sept., pp. 340-43. The *Morning Star* arrived in Boston, Sept. 19 and sailed from thence Nov. 5, 1884, arriving at Honolulu after a rough passage on the Atlantic, March 15, 1885. On the same day of the month in 1867, the second *Morning Star* arrived there.—*Missionary Herald* for May, pp. 213-16. Frederic G. Snow, a son of Rev. Benjamin Galen Snow, Missionary to the Micronesian Islands, goes in the steamer as engineer.

Capt. Bray, addressed several Sabbath Schools in Bath, and neighborhood.

Rev. Americus Fuller, of Aintab, Turkey, gave addresses on Missions at Bath, Apr. 19, 1885.

Dr. John C. Berry, medical missionary in Japan, gave an address at Phippsburg, his native place, Aug. 17, 1884.

Prof. T. McCant Stuart addressed a large audience in Bath, on Christian Education in Liberia. Rev. O. W. Folsom is a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Control of trust funds in Liberia, West Africa.

R. K. Sewall, in *Christian Mirror*, Apr. 25, 1885 gives an account of the Lincoln County Temperance Organization, in 1812.

Lincoln County Teachers Association, held in Wiscasset, Sept. 11, 12, 1884.

**NECROLOGY.**—Dea. James P. Hilton, in Bremen, July 7, 1884, æt 90. He was deacon of the church over 50 years clerk of the church, and superintendent of the Sunday-school 20 years....John Bulfinch, in Waldoboro, Nov. 23, æt 92. He was then the oldest graduate of Harvard College....Marion Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Omar W. Folsom, in Bath, Dec. 22....Capt. J. W. Lewis, lost in wreck of Sch. Australia, off Cape Elizabeth, Jan. 21, 1885. Funeral sermon preached in Second church, Boothbay, Feb. 8, by Rev. L. D. Evans....Dea. Franklin Carleton, Woolwich, March 18, æt 50....Beniah B. Percy, wife of Dea. Isaiah Percy, in West Bath, Apr. 23, æt 79. Sixty-eight years a church member. *Gb. Ch. Mirror*, July 4....Hon. Henry Tallman, Bath, May 3, æt 80. Member of Winter St. Ch., Bath, 28 years. Attorney General of State, 1849-'63; County Attorney and State Senator; and for sixteen years, Municipal Judge....Stephen B. Crocker, in Warren, June 4, æt 86, and his wife, June 8, æt 86. She was one of the original members, who formed the church 37 years ago.

Rev. Charles D. Crane, of New Castle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Reporter*. Next meeting with the church in Edgcomb, June 8, 9, 1886.

**LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at F first Tuesday of February, May and November. R Scribe. *Members*,—p. 92, Minutes 1879.

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May

### OXFORD CONFEE

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual m following the first Monday in June. Semi-annua Wednesday in October.

The Semi-annual meeting with the church in B 22, 1884.

Dea. H. N. Bolster, of South Paris Moderator. Rice, of East Sumner, John 30: 22. The power of sermon, Rev. Alfred L. Gridley, of Gilead, John 6: 1. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Da Charles Dame, of Andover. Topics for remarks, Nature, opened by Rev. A. L. Gridley. (2.) In t Dame. (3.) In the Sanctuary, Rev. D. Garland. (4.) Ingalls, of South Paris. (5.) In the house, Mr. Wil The minister's duty. (1.) In relation to Politic Bethel. (2.) In relation to Temperance Reform, prayer-meeting and the church, opened by Rev. G. church of the children of Christian parents, Rev. T N. H. V. How shall we reach the children of n Valentine, of Bethel. VI. Discussion by the Co general interests of the Sunday-schools. Two speel and praise service. Reports from the churches.

**THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING** with the Se 2, 3, 1885, Rev. Charles Dame, of Andover, Mod Alexander Wiswall, Norway, John 14: 12. The gr those done by Christ. Conference sermon by the would see Jesus" Discussions.—I. The religion c it consists. (2.) What its influence on the social, ments of men. (3.) What is its influence on the f Sabbath,—the importance of remembering the Sabl by Hon. E. W. Woodbury, of Bethel; Praise mee Rev. Gilman Rice, of Sumner. 8 p. m., Bible exer of God. Many passages of Scriptures repeated, and

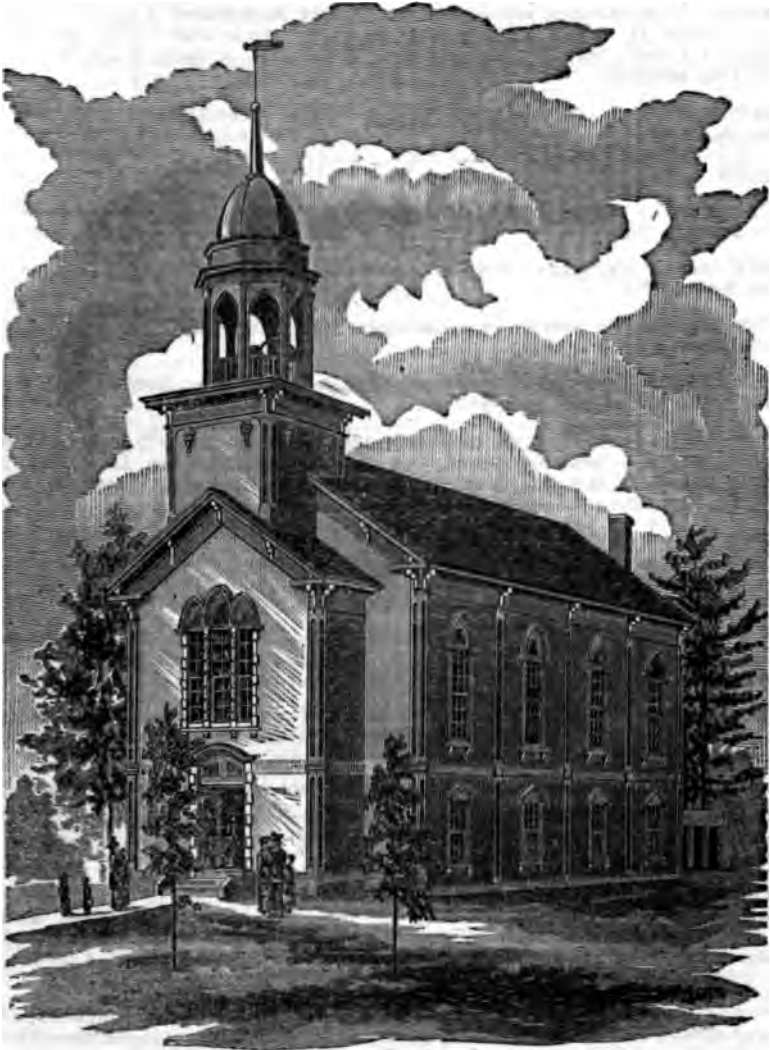
A children's meeting was held conducted by Rev. Rev. Americus Fuller, of Aintab, Turkey, gave ar sionary work in that land. A Report of the church Thomas' Mission work within the limits of the C Samuel York. Arrangements were made for confit meeting was held at 11 A. m., Wednesday,—appoi the Holy Ghost gives utterance. Opened by Rev.

The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Steph Donnell.

At 3, P. m., on Tuesday, the Woman's Missionary of the Pastor.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday, 6, A. m., conduct Berlin, N. H.

Rev. David Garland of Second church, with whom ences of the thirty-six years he has been connected Conference.



MEETING-HOUSE AT SOUTH PARIS.

The first house of worship in Paris erected 1818, upon a site about a mile south-east of its present situation. It was removed to the Village of South Paris, in 1835. It was partially remodeled in 1851. An addition was made to the south end in 1860, and a vestry placed underneath the audience room. In the summer of 1878, repairs were commenced which were completed the following year, at a cost of over \$2000, resulting in a tasteful and convenient house of worship, of which the

engraving is an excellent representation. It was re-dedicated August Rev. Charles D. Crane, acting-pastor, preaching the sermon. Rev. Bolster of Everett, Mass., once a member of the church in South Paris, part in the services.

REV. EDWARD C. INGALLS, pastor at South Paris, from August 1, 1883 Dismissed by Council, Nov. 5, 1884. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, M Rev. Charles A. White, of Mechanic Falls, *Scribe*. Installed pastor at S 30, 1884.

REV. ARTHUR GREEN FITZ, (Dartmouth, 1872; Bangor, 1875,) a. p. So from January, 1885.

REV. HENRY VAUGHAN EMMONS, (Amherst, 1854; Bangor, 1859,) a. p from March, 1885.

REV. DANIEL WARREN HARDY, (Bowdoin, 1861; Bangor, 1871,) a. p. Bethel, from August 1, 1885.

REV. HENRY HAMPSON HUTCHINSON, (Bangor, 1868,) a. p., Sumner I June, 1885. Mr. H. was here, 1868-70.

REV. THOMAS P. WILLIAMS, pastor at Gilead from June 15, 1879, resigns, 1883, was dismissed by Council, Oct. 22, 1884. Rev. Stephen L. B Bethel, *Moderator*; Rev. Albert Donnell, of Berlin, N. H., *Scribe*, Record Nov. 1. Now acting-pastor at Winslow.

REV. THEODORE C. JEBOME, pastor at Gorham, N. H., from Oct. resigns.—Council met March 15, 1885. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Me. tor; Rev. Albert Donnell, of Berlin, N. H., *Scribe*; and terminated the relation. Mr. J. installed pastor of the church in Wolfboro, N. H., June

REV. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, First church, Bethel, from Oct. 30, 1879 Dismissed by Council, June 2, 1885. Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway, ator; Rev. Albert Donnell, *Scribe*. Accepts call to Gorham, N. H..

REV. ALBERT DONNELL, pastor at Berlin, N. H., from June 22, 1883 Dismissed by Council, June 3, 1885. Rev. Alexander Wiswall, *Moderator* Stephen L. Bowler, *Scribe*. Accepts call to Riverside ch., Haverhill, Ma

Rev. Charles Dame, of Andover, has preached Sabbath afternoons, in I

Rev. David Garland, delivered a discourse in Second church, Bethel, Brown Post G. A. R., May 24, 1885. Memorial services were held in tl church., May 30.

The 70th birth-day, and the 30th anniversary of the pastorate in Beth David Garland, was observed by a gathering of his friends at the parsonage 25, 1885. Remarks were made by Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of the First Judge Enoch E. Foeter. Readings by Misses Roach and Chapman. A was made by the pastor. Lewiston Journal, March 20.

ALBANY.—The church spire damaged.—A legacy of \$300, from George late of Albany....ANDOVER.—The parsonage repaired....GILEAD.—A ch weight, 630 lbs., has been procured.—The "Mountain Rill," helped NORWAY.—The centennial of the town in 1886....Rev. Joseph K. Green and wife from Constantinople, were at Oxford, where a family re-union Jan. 14, '85, at the residence of Stephen Fields. Statements were made travels and missionary work, with illustrations of manners, costumes, et Americus Fuller, Missionary from Aintab, Turkey, was with the ch Norway and South Paris, in May, 1885....Rev. W. J. Twart, of Cantor illustrated lecture on the "Life of Christ," at East Sumner, March 30.

Oxford Teachers' Association met in Norway, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1884....Rev. Edward G. Porter, of Lexington, Mass., delivered the address at Gould's Academy, Bethel, May 17, '85....Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Norway, gave a lecture in the Academy, on "Likes and Dislikes."

NORWAY.—First church, received too late for table. Meeting-house erected in 1840.—Value, \$1600; land, \$50.—Funds, \$400.

Died in Gilmanton, N. H., March 11, 1885, at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. Lyman White, Mrs. Sophronia, (Wines) Hurd, aged 84 years. Her father was Rev. Abijah Wines, D. D., Prof. in Bangor Theo. Seminary, 1817-19, and her husband, Rev. Carlton Hurd, D. D., pastor in Fryeburg 1823, until his death in 1855. Ob. Congl'st, Apr. 23.

Arthur W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer.*

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.—Was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Meetings on second Tuesday in May, July and September. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Scribe* p. t. *Members*,—Minutes 1879, p. 122.

### PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held with the Church in Old Town, in connection with the SEMI-CENTENNIAL of the organization of that church, October 14, 15, 1884. Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, *Moderator*. Opening devotional exercises, led by Rev. Joseph Smith, of Bangor. Opening sermon by Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, of Burlington, Acts 2: 1. Theme.—The need of individual effort, and union, and entire consecration of heart to Christian life and Christian work; and the power there is in it for advancing the Kingdom of Christ. Conference Sermon, Rev. Charles B. Wathen, of Orono, Luke 14: 23. Theme.—The church to be aggressive in its policy, and missionary in its spirit; going forth in the spirit and power of Christ. Topics for consideration. 1. Are our churches prepared to do their best work for the Master this winter. (a.) What is needed, opened by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Brewer. (b.) How can we meet the need, Rev. Joseph Smith. (c.) General discussion,—participated in by Rev. Henry A. Freeman, Old Town; Rev. J. E. Adams, Bangor; Messrs. Moses B. Rogers, of Holden; Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor; Elijah Wyman, of Orono, and others. 2. *The Sunday School*. (a.) Its importance, and upon whom rests the responsibility, opened by Rev. Henry A. Freeman. (b.) In what ways can we improve on present methods, Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D., Bangor. (c.) What importance should missions and temperance have in Sunday School work, Dea. Charles A. Bailey, of Old Town. (d.) General discussion, Rev. Charles B. Wathen, Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, Rev. J. E. Adams, Mrs. Porter, Mr. Horace C. Whitmore, of Hampden, the Moderator, and others. Prayer Meetings, led by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, and Rev. Charles B. Wathen. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, and Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill.

The Semi-Centennial of the church observed more especially, Tuesday evening—report on page 100.

At the adjournment of Conference, carriages were in readiness to convey those who desired to go to Milford to see the new Meeting-House now building. Its location and outward appearance is pleasing. Its style is unique,—partly Gothic, partly Queen Anne. The arrangement of the interior is very satisfactory.

THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, with the First Church in Brewer, June 9, 10, 1885. Dea. William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, *Moderator*. Opening service of



prayer, led by Rev. Samuel W. Chapin, of Burlington. Report of the Churches the Scribe, Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor; followed by a discussion of the text. How may the facts of this report stimulate to more aggressive work, opened Dea. Augustus L. Bourne, of Bangor. The Second Topic was the HOLY SPIRIT (1.) What is the special office of the Holy Spirit under the Christian dispensation? Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor, and Rev. Charles B. Wathen, of Orono. (2.) To what extent is the Holy Spirit available as a constant working power in the heart of every believer? Rev. S. W. Chapin, of Burlington. (3.) What is the present duty of every Christian with reference to seeking for the Holy Spirit, led by Pierre McConville, of Bangor, and Rev. James Alexander, of Hampden. (4.) How may we give more honor to the Holy Spirit and act more in harmony with Him, in the various departments of church work. (a) In the Missionary work, Dea. Jos. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor. (b) In the prayer-meeting, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Bangor. (c) In the Sunday School, Mr. Charles S. Pearl, and Rev. Nathan Harriman, of Bangor. Remarks were added on the several topics presented by Rev. J. E. Adams, Professor C. J. H. Ropes, Rev. B. B. Merrill, Deacons Thomas B. George, of Orrington, George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, Messrs. Charles Willey, of Hampden, Thomas E. Leyden, of Boston, Manly Hardy, of Brewer, Moderator and others.

Tributes to the memory of Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, Brewer Village, and to Dr. Jacob C. Temple, Hampden were adopted.

Two prayer services were held, led by Rev. J. Alexander, and Rev. C. Wathen; Praise service, conducted by Rev. B. B. Merrill.

On Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliaries was held in the Chapel, Mrs. John S. Sewall, presiding. Prayer by Mrs. B. B. Merrill, of Brewer. Mrs. J. S. Sewall, and Mrs. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Boston, spoke in behalf of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Mrs. Alvan J. Bates, Brewer, for the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary; Mrs. Helen M. Quimby, for the Woman's Aid to American Missionary Association. Mrs. S. W. Chapin, of Burlington, spoke of mission work among the children, and Miss Pearl, respecting her work in the missions, at Bangor.

Conference appointed a Committee to report as to help and encouragement to the feeble churches, Rev. Messrs. N. H. Harriman, J. Alexander, and C. Wathen. The subject was referred for consideration and final action to the next session of Conference.

Sermon Tuesday evening, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, of Bangor, Matthew 5: 3, 4, The distinctive, personal blessings which come to those who feel their weakness, their need, their limitations; who hunger and thirst after righteousness with God who would dethrone self and their own perverse will. Blessings which none but Christ in his Gospel gives, and all may receive, who are willing to accept the meaning of the Lord's Supper. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., of New Jersey, and Rev. Charles B. Wathen, of Orono. Deacons—Thomas B. George, of East Orrington, H. P. Sargent, Brewer Village, George A. Thatcher, and E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN OLD TOWN, observed Tuesday evening, October 14, 1884. Organ Voluntary, Mr. Frank A. Spence; Anthem by the choir, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bailey, of Carlton, Miss Emily A. Davis, and Mr. Spence; reading of the Scriptures by Charles B. Wathen, of Orono; prayer, Rev. Jonathan F. Adams, of Bangor; hymn by the choir; historical address by the pastor, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, by choir and congregation; Dea. Charles A. Bailey read letters from former ministers.—Henry T. Cheever, Ebenezer Douglass, and H. Allen Shorey;—Dr. Joseph Smith, who was acting-pastor, 1840-'42, added some reminiscences from his residence. Hymn by choir and congregation; address by Professor Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor Sem., in which he referred to some of the changes that had taken place in the churches; the new circumstances in which they were placed, new measures to be adopted, and the grand opening for the future; Rev. Jonathan

E. Adams referred to the aid which the Maine Missionary Society had rendered to this church,—and to Deacons Richardson, Pierce and Hyde; benediction by the pastor.

The Historical address referred to the first religious work in Old Town, as having been done by Rev. Josiah Brewer a missionary to the Indians in 1822,—afterwards a missionary to Greece. In 1824, Rev. Pindar Field came to labor among the people and preached the first sermon in Old Town, Sept. 24, 1824. Four men, William L. Prichard, Lucius Hyde, Hiram Bates and Timothy Barnard, were organized into a Congregational church.

The first pastor was Rev. Joseph C. Lovejoy, 1835, five years; second, Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, 1846, eight years; third, Rev. Ebenezer Douglass, 1855, five years; fourth, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, 1880, four years. In 1840, Rev. Henry T. Cheever labored a few months, and under his labors was the first revival in the town. The pastorate of Rev. E. Douglass was one continued revival for three and a half years. The church membership was increased four fold. Many men in middle life were then brought into the church. Men that have left their mark in the community. Two were Deacons,—Ephraim B. Pierce, and John Y. Richardson.

Twenty-two years have pastors been over the church. Acting-pastors those who have served one year and more, ten. For twenty years the pulpit has been supplied from the Bangor Theological Seminary. Among the acting-pastors not before mentioned have been Jotham Sewall, Anson Sheldon, Timothy Boutelle, Lewis Pennell, Robert Page, Charles F. Boynton, Benjamin C. Chase, H. A. Shorey, William H. Rand, F. V. D. Garretson, Smith Baker, S. L. Bowler, Wellington R. Cross, Addison Blanchard, and Charles L. Mills.—Reference was made to the interest which Prof. George Shepard took in the church.

Whole number of members on church roll 233. Present number 85.

The present meeting-house was built in 1867. The first built in 1832, was burned in 1865, on the same day of the Lincoln memorial services.

Rev. NATHAN H. HARRIMAN, ordained and installed Pastor of the First Congregational church, Bangor, June 5, 1884. Record, Minutes 1884, p. 91.

Rev. CHARLES BURNS WATHEN, installed pastor at Orono, June 6, 1884. Record, Minutes 1884, p. 92.

Rev. BENJAMIN BUXTON MERRILL, installed pastor First church, Brewer, June 13, 1884. Record, Minutes 1884, p. 92.

Rev. HENRY A. FREEMAN, pastor at Old Town, from Oct. 13, 1880, resigns March 1885. Council met April 15, '85, at 10, A. M., Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. James Alexander, of Hampden, *Scribe*. Record of release from the pastorate, Ch. Mr. April 25. Accepts a call to Bluehill, from April 1.

A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WAS FORMED IN MILFORD, April 15, 1885. Council met at 2 P. M., Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, *Moderator*; Rev. James Alexander, *Scribe*. The Moderator offered prayer. 1. The formal organization of the church by examination, baptism and the assenting to the Articles of Faith and Covenant,—Rev. Henry A. Freeman, officiating. 2. Reception and welcome into the fellowship of the churches, by the Moderator. 3. Duties of members of the church to each other,—Professor Francis B. Denio, of Bangor. 4. Duties of the church to the community,—Rev. Charles B. Wathen, of Orono. 5. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, of Bangor. Deacons,—George A. Thatcher, of Bangor; and Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer.

The service of song at different points, was from the "Gospel Hymns."

The church have chosen as Deacons, Albert W. Butler and James R. Oakes.

The services were held in the vestry, on the same floor with the church edifice soon to be completed.

BREWER.—The 85th anniversary of the organization of the church observed, Jan. 11, '85. Address, by Rev. George W. Field, a former pastor....Plans are

**NECROLOGY.**—John Nelson Barker, in Brewer, Sept. 8, '84, æt 41....Mrs. Addison Blanchard, in Denver, Colorado, Dec. 6....Mrs. Hannah B. Wiswell, in Holden, March 20, '85....Dea. Jacob C. Temple, in Hampden, May 21, æt 83. Ob. Bangor Courier, May 23, Ch. Mir., June 27....Mrs. Marcia P. Ladd, in Bangor, May 15, æt 66, daughter of Rev. John H. Ingraham, pastor at Thomaston, 1817-'29, and wife of Hon. George W. Ladd, Bangor.

Dea. E. F. Duren, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Semi-annual meeting, with the church in Holden, Oct. 13, 14, 1885.

**PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.**—Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—*Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 92.—Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Brewer, *Scribe*.

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, one week before annual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with the Church in Greenville, October 28, 29, 30, 1884.

Topics discussed.—The best means by which to fix the attention of the masses, upon the subject of personal piety, opened by Rev. Charles L. Nichols; how the people of our congregations may be made to feel more deeply their need of personal salvation, opened by Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft. Sermons.—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Sec. of Maine Missionary Soc., Acts 4:31, Christian boldness; Rev. William G. Mann, of Monson, 2 Cor. 5:14, "The love of Christ constraineth us;" Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, 1 Tim. 4:15, Christian Meditation. Lord's Supper administered, by Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Deacons,—C. Foss, of Abbott, and J. Blanchard.

3.30 P. M. Wednesday, Women's Missionary Meeting. Devotional meetings preceded each session of Conference. Two Social meetings were held; one Praise meeting. Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec., presented the claims of the Maine Missionary Society.

**THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING** with the church in Abbot Village, June 9, 10, 11, 1885.

Topics discussed.—1. The prayer meeting—how to make it most profitable, opened by G. B. Hescock, and W. F. Sampson. 2. Revivals. (a) The relation of human agencies thereto, Rev. D. A. Morehouse. (b) Spiritual condition of the Christian necessary thereto, Rev. Rufus W. Emerson. (c) The divine elements therein, Rev. Charles Davison. 3. How can the older Christian best help the young convert, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, and Rev. P. B. Thayer. On Wednesday P. M., there was a meeting of praise and thanksgiving for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit, upon the churches in the Conference, especially that in Foxcroft and Dover. The presence of some new converts, gave great interest to the meetings. Sermons by Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, of Foxcroft, John 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my words," etc.; Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, Ps. 119:60, "Forever" O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven;" and by Rev. Peter P. Thayer, of Garland, 1 Pet. 5:7, "Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, and Rev. Charles L. Nichols. The Woman's Missionary meeting was marked by a new departure, in that the brethren were admitted, giving new interest and profit to both parties.

A series of meetings held in Foxcroft and Dover, resulted in an quickening, which is referred to more particularly in the report of the Secretary, p. 31. Also the religious interest in Brownville, as in the Conference.

"The Ready workers" in Greenville, have raised by entertainment \$500, with which the meeting-house has been repaired and it will continue to work. . . The young people of Garland, have formed which meets weekly.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, preached a memorial discourse before the Post G. A. R. Garland.

A UNION CHURCH COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF WELSHMEN was formed May 19, 1885, composed of forty-two members, and Rev. RICHARD ordained pastor; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator*; Wm. G. Mann, of Monson, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading of the Moderator; organization of the church; reading of the creed a charge to the church, by Rev. R. W. Jenkins; right-hand of the church, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville; consecrating prayer deacons, including ordaining prayer of pastor, Rev. Charles Davis charge to pastor, Rev. R. W. Jenkins; right-hand to pastor, Rev. house, of Foxcroft; ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Mes Morehouse; benediction by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Jones. All in the Welsh language—except the opening anthem, which was by Congregational Ch., Brownville—"How beautiful upon the Mount of him that bringeth good tidings."

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Gardiner, acted as interpreter during.

Rev. George M. Sanborne installed pastor, at Little Rock, Ark.

Piscataquis Sabbath School Convention held at Dover, Nov. 5, County Sabbath School Association met in Dexter, May 13, '85, E. B. Perham, of Bangor, President, gave an example of Bible Teaching; H. H. H. of Bangor, spoke of the aim of Sunday-schools; Rev. Geo. illustrated sermon.

Teachers' Association at Milo, Nov. 20-22, '84. . . . At Greenville,

Mrs. Nettie E., wife of Rev. Herbert A. Loring, pastor at Fox 1875-'80, died in Oakham, Mass., Aug. 2, '84, set 35, Ch. Mir., A. B. Perham, in Brownville, Nov. 15, a member of the choir forty Mir., Dec., 13, and Jan. 3. . . . Dea. John Hideo, in Garland, A. Mir., Apr. 23.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference*; C. *Treasurer*.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Monson, Jan. 25 meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. house, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 93.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting, second Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING united with the Kennebec Conference October 28, 29, 1884, (see page 90.)

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, with the Island Avenue Church in Skowhegan, June 9, 10, 1885. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Topics for consideration.—I. The Pulpit and the Pews. (1.) *The preacher and the Pastor*. What the people think as to what he is doing and what he ought to do, (a criticism) opened by Dea. Andrew Kennison, of Norridgewock, and Lyman L. Walton of Skowhegan. (2.) *The people*. What the preacher thinks as to what they are doing, and what they ought to do, (a criticism) Rev. T. G. Mitchell, of Madison, and Rev. Thomas F. Millett, of Bingham. (3.) Relation of helpfulness between pastor and people, Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, and Charles E. Warren, of Norridgewock. II. Development of the Social life of the Church, Mr. John L. Evans, of Anson. III. Special hindrances to Spiritual growth, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock. IV. Relation of the Social Prayer-meeting to the Church, Mr. Frederic R. Buck, of Skowhegan.

Opening sermon, by John L. Evans, of Madison, John 9: 25. Theme,—Spiritual blindness.

Conference Sermon, Rev. Thomas F. Millett, of Bingham, 1 Thess. 5: 17.—Pray without ceasing. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Messrs. B. Tappan, and T. F. Millett. Deacons, Warren Bacon, and Ezra Dismore.

On Tuesday evening, a Union Sunday School session was held. 1. Anthem by the choir. 2. Address to the children. Rev. Joshua M. Frost, of Skowhegan. 3. Singing by a choir of children. 4. Address,—the book we study and how to study and teach it, Rev. Clement M. G. Harwood, of Skowhegan. 5. Singing. 6. Teacher and Scholar,—In School and Out, Hon. Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan. 7. Primary Teaching, Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan.

JOHN LEWIS EVANS, (Marietta C. two years, Bangor S. 1885,) ordained in Madison, to the work of the Gospel ministry, July 2, 1885. Council met at 2 P. M., Rev. Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor Seminary, *Moderator*; Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, of Skowhegan, *Scribe*. Ordination services, at 7 30, P. M.,—Anthem by the choir, "In Heaven the stars now shining;" prayer and reading the Scriptures, Rev. F. Freeze, (Free Baptist;) hymn 878, Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book,—“Go, labor on, spend and be spent;” sermon, by the Moderator, John 18: 36, f. c. Theme,—The Progress of the Kingdom of Christ; ordaining prayer, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; charge to pastor, by the Scribe; right-hand of fellowship, by Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; anthem by the choir, “Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord”; benediction, Rev. John L. Evans.

THOMAS FRANCIS MILLETT, (Bates C., 1877-8; Bates Sem., 1881-3,) acting-pastor at Solon, and Bingham.

REV. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, pastor of the church in Norridgewock nearly twenty-seven years, from October 27, 1858, resigns July, 1885.

Rev. Webster Woodbury, pastor at Skowhegan, 1870-'80, accepts pastorate at Mauch Chunk, Pa., Dec., 1884.

THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISLAND AVENUE CHURCH, SKOWHEGAN, was observed January 28, 1885. The Public Exercises in the afternoon were opened with an anthem by the choir; invocation by the Pastor, Rev. Almon J. Rackliff; Scripture reading, by Rev. Temple Cutler, a former pastor; Hymn, (Plymouth collection,) “I love thy kingdom, Lord;” Sermon, by Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, Luke 19:10. Theme.—The special work of the church to-day; anthem by the choir; greetings from ex-pastors; greetings from the churches, by Rev. Messrs. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; and Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock—a very severe storm thwarted their efforts to be present in person. Rev. L. H. Beau, of the Methodist church, and Rev. C. M. G. Harwood, (Baptist,) of Skowhegan were also present, and gave salutations, to all of which pastor Rackliff responded;—hymn, *Coronation*, “All hail the power of Jesus' name;” benediction,

At the close of these services, and from 5 to 6.30, P. M., there was a singing in the vestry where supper was served. It was a specially interesting assembly of past and present members, and friends. Many of the past were given. Rev. Temple Cutler asked the blessing; Rev. Andrews, of Biddeford, offered brief remarks—and there was instrumental Vocal Music.

At 7 o'clock P. M., re-assembled in the large audience room, and the evening was opened with an anthem by a Quartette; Scriptures of prayer offered by Rev. Leonard H. Bean, of Skowhegan; hymn, "O world and empires now"; historical sketch by Rev. Almon J. Rackliff, pastor of the Quartette; address by Rev. Temple Cutler, of Essex, Mass., formerly an ex-pastor; doxology by choir and congregation; benediction by Rev.

The church was organized in 1785. The first meeting-house was the second in 1825; the third in 1862.

The ministers have been,—Nathaniel Whitaker, 1785-'90, \*1796, set Calef, 1793-1801, \*1845, set 83; John Cayford, 1808-'12, \*in Florida 1814-'30, \*1830, set 45; George W. Hathaway, 1833-'60. Temple Cutler, Frederic E. Sturges, 1868-'69; Webster Woodbury, 1870-'80; Almon 1882—Sunday-school organized in 1816. A. J. Rackliff, *Pastor*; Augustus Superintendent; Lyman L. Walton, *Assistant Superintendent*.

ANSON, NORTH.—The meeting-house nearly completed....NEW LAND.—Rev. T. G. Mitchell supplied in May....NORRIDGEWOCK.—On the State Fast, the citizens of Norridgewock met in the Congregational house, and prominent men discussed the religious, moral, educational welfare of the town....A Boy's branch of the Y. M. C. A. has been formed by Abbott Wells, the new Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Letter from Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. M. M. Soc., respecting Bingham and four towns in Union Conference in Ch. Mirror, Sept. 20, '84.

Somerset Educational Association, at Norridgewock, Oct. 17, 18. Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D.

Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.—See Kennebec and Somerset Association.

## UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized at Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting Tuesday, p second Wednesday in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last October, (two days.)

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Otisfield 29, 1884, Dea. Charles H. Gould, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opened by Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of Bridgton, John 21:17, "Loveest thou me?" sermon, Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Waterford, 1 Peter 2:7, "Unto which believe life is precious;" Lord's Supper administered by Rev. J. of York Conference, and Rev. Charles Perry, of North Waterford. Discussion.—1. What means can be efficiently used to secure a regular attendance upon public worship. 2. What is a proper observance of the Christian Sabbath can it be promoted. 3. What are the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of the churches. The various persons in attendance upon the Conference assembling at the Otisfield church on Tuesday evening, met for refreshment with the people of Bolster's Mills, Spurr's Corner, and East Otisfield.

The Conference was marked by much fervent prayer, and the presence of Holy Spirit.

**FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE CHURCH IN Lovell, at Center Lovell, June 9, 10, 1885.** Dea. Charles H. Gould, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions," etc. Subject.—The unseen country. Conference sermon, Rev. William B. Hague, of South Bridgton, 1 Kings 3:5, "Ask what I shall give thee." Topics for remarks.—The needs and duties of our churches; amusements; Christian liberty.

It was voted to take definite steps toward securing an evangelical worker to labor in the Conference during the coming year. A committee of three with power to act, was appointed, and over \$200 pledged on the spot toward carrying forward the work.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, and Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, officiated in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

REV. EDWARD PAYSON EASTMAN, (Bangor Sem., 1871,) acting-pastor at Hiram, May, 1885—Supplying also at Sebago, from second Sunday in June. Rev. Zenas Crowell, who supplied from June 1, 1881, closed his relation to this church, June 9, 1884.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, commissioned by the Governor to represent this State at the Conference of Charities and Correction, at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 13-20, '84, and at the National Conferences of charities, etc., at Washington, D. C., June 4-10, '85.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, Bridgton, 1878-'83, installed pastor at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, July 28, '84.

**THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN BRIDGTON** was observed, at the Center Village, Aug. 26, 1884. Exercises opened at 10.30 A. M., Rev. Thomas M. Davies, acting pastor, presiding. Organ Voluntary, by Prof. E. S. Studley, of Boston, Mass.; anthem by the choir, "Lift your glad voices," *Mozart*; address of welcome by Lincoln Lathrop Lewis, Esq.; reading of the Scriptures, 90th Psalm, Rev. Geo. Lewis, of South Berwick; prayer, Rev. Henry B. Carpenter, of Boston; anthem, "Come, said Jesus' sacred voice"; sermon by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, pastor in Bridgton, 1851-1865.—Text, Isaiah 27:2,6, "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment, lest any hurt it; I will keep it night and day," "Israel shall blossom, and bud, and fill the face of the earth with fruit." Centennial hymn by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, sung by the choir and congregation to the tune—Duke St.; prayer, Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Watertown, Mass.

At 12.30 P. M. there was a collation in the vestry. A blessing sought by Father Hawes—"Substantial viands—beautiful floral ornamentation."

At 2 P. M., re-assembled in the audience room, exercises commencing with an Organ Voluntary; hymn, "O where are kings and empires now," (Songs for the Sanctuary;) prayer, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick; response by the choir, "Our Father who art in Heaven," *E. Bruce*; historical address, by Rev. Thomas M. Davies. Addresses followed from Rev. William B. Hague, in behalf of the "Elder Daughter,"—the church in South Bridgton, 55 years old—and from Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, in behalf of the "younger daughter,"—the church in North Bridgton, 50 years old. Addresses also by Rev. Messrs. George Lewis, Edwin P. Wilson, and Henry B. Carpenter, reminiscent of experiences and associations of their respective pastorates in Bridgton. The closing remarks and benediction, by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes.

In the evening, the services were in the nature of a praise or thanksgiving meeting, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, presiding.—Organ Voluntary; anthem by the choir, "Softly now the light of day," *Cherubini*; Scripture readings by the leader; hymn, choir and congregation; prayer, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland; Rev. J. T. Hawes, Rev. George Lewis, and others offered remarks; and letters were read from former pastors and members, Rev. Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland; Rev. and Mrs. Osgood W. Rogers, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Franklin E. Fel-

Iowa, of Norwich; S. Grant Stewart, of Boston; J. Stone, New York; B. O. Stone, Portland,—and others.

In the course of the evening, Mr. J. B. Coyle, Jr., Palms"—with organ accompaniment by Professor St. T. M. Davies; benediction by Rev. William B. Ha-

Though the weather was unfavorable, the attendance was of great interest. The audience room was finely decorated with baskets, wreaths, crosses, etc. In the rear and against the arch, with the figures in gilt, 1784—1884. Report of the address and proceedings, to be published in pamphlet form.

This church was organized in 1784 as the "First Church of Christ" with seventeen members.

**MINISTERS.**—Nathan Church, ord. 1789; died in 1827; dia., '30, 'Utica, N. Y., 1848, set 48; Isaac Esch, '75, set 79; Caleb F. Page, ins. pastor 1833; dia., '54; Josiah T. Hawes, ins. pastor, 1851; dia., 1865; Fra 1808; Edwin P. Willson, a. p., 1869—'72, ord. Evan '76, ord. Evangelist, 1873; Henry B. Carpenter, a. p., 1878—'83; Thomas M. Davies, a. p., 1883. There have been eleven deacons, and three deacons three entered the ministry,—Trueman S. Perry, Hawes, Burlington, Vt.; George Lewis, South Ber Present number 150, of whom 70 are non-resident. The present building dedicated January 1885.

**ALBANY.**—Supplied for a time on Sabbath afternoon at Waterford....**DENMARK.**—Rev. E. S. Jordan, of the time....**FRYEBURG.**—Miss Sarah S. Evans, a service of the American Missionary Association.. plied a few mos....**OTISFIELD.**—Rev. Henry V. E part of the time here....**WATERFORD.**—Pastor R his people published on a card, with Sabbath and ob tutions, prayer-meeting topics for the year, etc.—E G. A. R. in May, '85. Charlotte H. Perley beq NORTH WATERFORD.—T. M. Beadenkoff, of Ya months, May, 1885.

Address before Fryeburg Academy, June 30, '84 of Biddeford, a former Preceptor.

Dea. James Stevens died in Sweden, Aug. 19, '84 North Bridgton, Nov. 11, set 77....John Webster, Barnes Walker, Esq., of Fryeburg church, in Love

Rev. William B. Hague, South Bridgton, *Scribe*

**UNION ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in South Bridgton first Tuesday in March and September, and second Tuesday in May and November. Minutes, 1879, pp. 98, 1. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln

## WALDO CONFERENCE

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848. Annual meeting first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** was held with October 28, 29, 1884, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Waldo, as Moderator,—John 18: 33, 36, 37.



ence sermon, Rev. William C. Jones, of Freedom, Titus 2:10. Theme.—Adorning the truth. The topics discussed,—How to make the prayer-meeting effective; how to utilize the working power of the church. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, and the Moderator. An interesting session. The meetings were largely devotional.

**THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING** with the church in Belfast, June 10, 1885, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles T. Hawes, of Searsport. John 7: 43. Some of the elements of power in the world. Conference sermon, Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Camden, Ps. 46: 4. The river of salvation. Topic for remarks.—A live church.—1. In its services. 2. In its relation to the community. 3. In its relations to moral reform. 4. In its relations to the world, and the missionary work of the church. 5. The presence of the Spirit, the life of the church, and how shall this presence be secured. An hour was given to a Conference experience meeting, which proved a very interesting feature. Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Rufus P. Gardner.

**CHARLES TAYLOR HAWES**, (Bowdoin, 1876; Bangor, 1882,) ordained as an Evangelist, at Searsport, December 3, 1884. Council called by the First church, Searsport, met at 3 P. M., Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, *Moderator*; Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, of Billerica, Mass., *Scribe*. Ordination services, at 7 P. M.; Organ Voluntary by Miss Nettie Matthews; anthem by the choir, "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah;" reading of the Minutes of Council by the Scribe; reading the Scriptures, 2nd Corinthians 6, and 2nd Timothy 1, and prayer by the Moderator; hymn by the choir and congregation; sermon, Professor Francis B. Denio, of Bangor Seminary, 1 John 3: 15, 16. The antagonism between God and the world, and showing the right place of the world in our lives, so as to connect God with them, making them more efficient and useful; hymn, "In the cross of Christ I glory;" ordaining prayer by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, father of the candidate,—very fervent, tender and loving; charge, Professor Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; right-hand of fellowship, by the Scribe, a classmate; hymn; benediction by Rev. Charles T. Hawes. Record of Council, Ch. Mirror, Dec. 24. Mr. Hawes has been acting-pastor of the church from Nov. 1883. The church and the council desired that he might be installed as pastor; but as he was in doubt about his ability to endure the climate, he preferred only ordination to the work of the ministry.

**REV. WILLIAM CORDYNAG JONES**, (Marietta C.; Bangor S., 1884,) ordained as Evangelist in Freedom, June 10, 1884. Record, Minutes 1884, p. 101. Resigns at Freedom, March, 1885. Installed pastor at Frostburg, Md., June 14, 1885.

**REV. RUFUS PARKER GARDNER**, acting-pastor at Freedom, from May, 1885.

**REV. DANIEL W. HARDY**, acting-pastor Second Ch., Searsport, and at Sandy Point, from October 1, 1881, resigned June, 1885, and accepts call to First church, Bethel.

Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, pastor at Camden, 1857 to 1867, resigns the pastorate of First Ch., Weymouth, Mass., which he had held twelve years.

Rev. Charles T. Hawes welcomed the soldiers of the Nineteenth Maine Regiment, at their re-union in Searsport.

**THE DEDICATION OF THE MEETING-HOUSE IN FREEDOM**, August 9, 1885. Order of service.—Organ Voluntary; Doxology; invocation; reading of Psalm 150; musical duet, "Jesus lover of my soul;" reading of Isaiah, chapter 21; remarks by Rev. R. P. Gardner, in reference to the history of the church, its present condition, and the effort made to renovate the church edifice, which had been done at an expense of \$465, which included a new organ. There was a small balance due, and it was proposed that a collection should be taken to cancel it. The response was \$70, sufficient to cover it. Hymn—"Watchman tell us, \*\*for the morning seems to dawn;" dedicatory prayer and sermon by Rev. Rufus P. Gardner, acting-pastor.

Text of sermon.—Isa. 21:11, "Watchman, what of it said, The morning cometh;" duett and chorus, "To the

The church edifice was built in 1857—The remodelled the old gallery, and putting seats in the place of it, on right of the pulpit—the walls, ceiling, wood work, carpet and organ. The exterior repaired, and blinds fixed in the evening, services were held in memory of Gen. R. post were present. Text of discourse by Rev. R. P. (

BELFAST.—A new carpet in meeting-house, and other BELFAST.—Meeting-house repaired and re-furnished... Supplied from Bangor Seminary....CAMDEN.—The in the parsonage repaired....SEARSPORT FIRST CH.—The and otherwise improved....WINTERPORT.—Mr. Taylor from June, 1885.

Waldo County Educational Association, at Swanville,

George Hardy died in Belfast, Sept. 30, 1884, æt 58. 18....Mrs. Almira, wife of P. L. Dodge, in Cambridge member of the church in Brooks, twenty years....Mrs. Sumner Clark, a. p. at Unity, 1846-'49, died at Wolfb æt 57... Mrs. Patience Miller, in Belfast, Apr. 19, '85 May 9.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, Scribe and Treasurer ing at Sandy Point, Oct. 6, 7, 1885.

WALDO ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Belfast, Nov. 16 August. Four meetings in the year. Members, Minute T. Hawes, of Searsport, Scribe.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829. Annual meeting June. Semi-annual meeting, on the Wednesday in Oct

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church 8, 9, 1884. Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, J Chapin, of Princeton, Scribe.

Opening Sermon, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Rob "Watchman, what of the night," etc.

Conference Sermon, Rev. Ebenezer H. Jenkyns, of "The joy of thy Salvation."

Topics discussed,—Sunday Desecration; how to secure churches of the County; the spiritual prosperity of the faithful activity of its individual members.

The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Henry F. Harding. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais. Deacons,—S. T. E. E. Vose of Dennyville.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church 1885. Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennyville, Moderator Everett L. Walbridge, of Milbridge, Neh. 18: 15—18. Sermon, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Millis "Looked toward Sodom." Topics for remarks,—1. The Christian profession, opened by Rev. Daniel Greene. What is the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the Charles Whittier. 2. What are the evil tendencies in our

men away from God, and the ordinances of God's House, Rev. Charles G. McCully. a.) How may these be overcome, Rev. George E. Chapin. 4. The Sabbath School. a.) Its importance, Rev. H. F. Harding. (b.) Its aims, Rev. E. L. Walbridge, c.) The necessity for the whole church feeling a deep interest in its success, Rev. Daniel Greene.

Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Robbinston, and Rev. Wellington R. Cross. Deacons,—Cyrus Balkam, of Robbinston, and Gilbert Longellow, of Machias.

There were three special devotional services; one Praise Service; Reports of Scribe and Delegates.

A meeting of the Washington County Bible Society, was held on Wednesday, at P. M.,

REV. HENRY FISKE HARDING, (Bowdoin, 1850; Bangor, 1854,) acting-pastor at Robbinston from March 1885, supplying also Red Beach. Mr. George H. Freeman supplied for a time in the summer of 1884.

REV. FREDERIC E. SHAW, acting-pastor at East Machias from June 13, 1878, resigned Sept. 15, '84. Accepted call to Brewer Village and East Orrington, commencing his labors there, Nov. 13, 1884, and continuing them until his death, Apr. 15, 1886, (see Necrology.)

REV. EVERETT LORENZO WALBRIDGE, (Bangor Sem., 1881,) State Missionary, will make his head-quarters at Jonesport,—supplying the church in part.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE MEETING-HOUSE IN DENNISVILLE, was observed November 16, 1884. The pastor, Rev. Charles Whittier, preached a discourse, Text.—Gen. 28:17, "This is none other but the house of God," etc. The church was organized seventy years ago by Father Jewell—(Rev. Jotham)—It has had three pastors,—Robert Crossett, 1830-'42, \*Cincinnati, Ohio, 1872, at 72; Josiah H. Stearns, 1844 to '57; Edward P. Baker was acting-pastor, 1858-'60; Charles Whittier, the present pastor was installed, 1860—Nov. 13, 1885 will be his Quarter Centennial Anniversary.

The memorial address by Rev. Henry F. Harding, at the Centennial Anniversary of the Center St. Ch., Machias, noticed in the Minutes 1884, p. 103, has been published in small Quarto form, 70 pps. It includes an introduction by the Committee of Arrangements, with the proceedings of the anniversary, and a history of the Sunday School.

Rev. Everett L. Walbridge, supplied for a time at Whiting. Mr. S. H. Woodrow, was three months at Pembroke, May, 1885.

A Ladies' Aid Society has been formed at Red Beach, for increasing the building fund of the meeting-house.

Washington County Teachers' Association, at Calais, Jan. 28, 29, 1885.

Miss Clara M. Greene, died Jan. 31, '85, in the home of her brother, Rev. Daniel Greene, at Machias.

Rev. George E. Chapin, of Princeton, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.—Reported in Minutes 1852-1873. Meeting in June and October. Sub. Association more frequently. Re-organized, June 12, 1878. *Members*.—Minutes 1879, p. 94. Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennisville, *Scribe*.

## YORK CONFERENCE

Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1822. Annual and semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with report, October 7, 8, 1884. Rev. George Lewis, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, *Reporter*; Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, *Secretary*; Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk, of Wells, *Matt. 17: 5*. "This is my pleasure; hear ye Him" —Rev. David B. Sewall, greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if no manifold temptations." Topics for remarks.—I. opened by Dea. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk. Littlefield. (3.) Conditions of its power, Rev. A. members of the church responsible for its success, true relation of the Sabbath School to home instruction. Saco. (2.) How to interest and retain members. Came, Esq., of Alfred. Address by Rev. Benjamin Bath School Secretary. III. Family Worship, Biddeford. IV. The prayer meeting in its relation to Samuel L. Boynton, Biddeford. V. Christian duty our amended constitution, Dr. Thomas Haley, Biddeford. Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk. Rev. George Michael, of Alfred.—Rev. Marshall Society, Boston, presented its claims. Two sea One Praise service, Lord's Supper administered Kennebunk, and Rev. William W. Dow, of Kittery.

A Committee was appointed to call a County B. P. Snow, Biddeford; Rev. G. A. Lockwood, Samuel M. Came, of Alfred; William F. Libbey, Twombly, Kennebunkport.

The Ladies' Committee provided well spread table, edifice, for the entertainment of guests. The hall as the audience room above, with green trimming.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING with the 9, 10, 1885. Rev. George Lewis, *Moderator*; Rev. Opening sermon, Rev. John D. Emerson, of Kennebunk, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house," etc W. Dow, of Kittery; Romans 16: 10. Salutations Edmond C. Ingalls, of Saco. Topics for remarks, 2. The Sunday-school. (a) Address by Rev. Benjamin Bath School as a power. (b) The relation of the Sunday-school to the church. (c) The relation of school. 3. The Kingdom of Heaven; what is Limington. 4. The relation of the Kingdom to the church. A vote was passed commending to the toward re-building the meeting-house in Deer last winter. The Lord's Supper administered Kennebunk, and Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, Saco.

SOLOMON GEORGE FOSTER, (Bangor Sem., 1884 June 1, 1884—He supplied for a few weeks to the sick, and died at Wilton, Me., Aug. 26, 1884—see

REV. EDMOND CUNNINGHAM INGALLS, (Hastings) stilled pastor of the First Congregational church Council met at 2.30 P. M., Rev. George Lewis, of Francis D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester, *Scribe*. Organ prelude, Mr. Charles W. Shannon, Organist Jehovah;" reading of the Minutes of Council, by J.

selections of Scripture, Rev. Merrill Blanchard, Biddeford; anthem by choir, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls;" sermon, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Portland, John 17: 19 & c., "And for their sakes I sanctify myself;" prayer of installation, Rev. John D. Emerson, Kennebunkport; response by choir, "Unto Thee, O Lord;" hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun;" charge to the pastor, by the Scribe; right-hand of fellowship, Rev. Charles E. Andrews, Biddeford; address to people, Rev. George A. Lockwood, Kennebunk; anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains;" prayer by the Moderator; benediction, Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls; organ postlude.

**JAMES LADE**, (Bangor Seminary, 1885,) ordained pastor of the church in Elliot, June 23, 1886. Council met at 3.30 P. M. Rev. David B. Sewall, of York, *Moderator*; Rev. William W. Dow, of Kittery, *Scribe*. Ordination services in the evening. Invocation and Scripture reading by the Moderator; hymn 761, "Psalter"—"Tis not a cause of small import;" sermon, Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, John 8: 42—The sent of God—The mission of Christ; ordaining prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Hymn 768,—"With heavenly power, O Lord, defend;" charge, Rev. Hiram Houston, of Wells; right-hand of fellowship, by the Scribe; address to the people, Rev. David S. Hibbard, of Limington; hymn 763, "We bid thee welcome;" prayer, Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wells; benediction by Rev. James Lade.

**REV. JOHN TAYLOR CLOSSON**, (Dartmouth, 1860; Andover, 1863,) acting-pastor at Lebanon, from Dec. 1, '84.

**REV. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND**, (Bowdoin, 1853; Bangor, 1856,) acting-pastor at Alfred, from June 26, 1885.

**REV. RICHARD WICKETT**, (Bangor Seminary, 1877,) acting-pastor at Lyman, from Jan. 1, 1885.

**REV. EDDY T. PRITS**, pastor at Limington, from Feb. 8, 1882, resigned July 27, 1884, and was dismissed by Council, Aug. 2, 1884, Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Cornish, *Moderator*; Mr. Lemond J. Strout, of Limington, *Scribe*. Mr. P. installed pastor West Church, Portland, Nov. 6, 1884.

**REV. HENRY C. ROBINSON**, acting-pastor at Buxton South, from Aug. 22, 1883 resigns in September, '84 and accepts a call to Litchfield, N. H.

**REV. DAVID S. HIBBARD**, acting-pastor at Elliot, from Oct. 1, 1878, resigns Dec., 1884. Called to the church in Limington, and accepts.

**REV. WILLIAM S. THOMPSON**, acting-pastor at Acton, from Jan. 1, 1860, resigns, March 1, '85, and accepts a call to Newington, N. H.

**REV. GEORGE MICHAEL**, acting pastor at Alfred, from Nov. 15, 1881, resigns March, 1885.

**REV. BENSON M. FRINK**, pastor in Saco, 1870—'73, installed pastor, First Church Shelburne, Mass., October 1, 1884.

Rev. Benjamin Dodge, acting-pastor at Lebanon, 1877, to Nov. 17, 1883, accepts an appointment of Am. Missionary Association, to take pastoral charge of churches at Pleasant Hill, Pomona and Howard Springs, Cumberland County, Tennessee. Letters from him at Mount Pleasant, have been published in Christian Mirror, Nov. 29, '84, March 7, '85, May 8 and 30, and in Congl't Apr. 11 and May 14, '85.

**RE-DEDICATION OF THE PAVILION CHURCH, BIDDEFORD**, Dec. 23, 1884, at 2 P. M. Organ Voluntary; invocation, Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of the Second church, Biddeford; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls, of Saco; hymn, "Before Jehovah's awful throne," (*Duke St.*), from "Songs of Christian praise," by Richards, just introduced; sermon by the acting-pastor, Rev. Merrill Blanchard, Jobua 4. 6. Theme.—The Christian Church a Memorial; hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," (*St. Thomas*); dedicatory address, Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallo- well, a former pastor, (1877-'82); dedicatory prayer, Rev. Charles Tenney, of Chester, N. H., a former pastor, (1858-'71.) A letter was read from Rev. Samuel McLellan Gould, of Philadelphia, the first pastor of the church, which was organ-

ized in 1837; hymn, "The perfect world, by Adam trod;" benedictio Merrill Blanchard.

The former building was ruined by fire, Nov. 18, 1883. The new building ranks among the best church edifices. The Sunday-school rooms are for the purpose; the audience room has a fine organ, and there is in the tower clock.

**BIDDEFORD SECOND.**—M. C. Hazard, Editor of Publications of the National Sunday School and Publishing Society, presented the work of the at a meeting held October 14, '84....**BIDDEFORD POOL.**—Mr. E. W. supplying from June 1885....**BUXTON.**—The meeting-house at the Lov extensively repaired—Re-dedicated May 1, '85. Sermon by Rev. Henry son...**CORNISH.**—The Bailey band of workers aided in a series of meetings peoples' society of Christian Endeavor was formed Dec. 1....**LIMERICK** A. Wight, supplying....**LIMINGTON, WEST NEWFIELD.** Mr. Perry, of supplying, referred to by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. M. M. S. in Ch. Mir. S **PARSONSFIELD.**—A Centennial celebration proposed, Portland Press, N ....**SACO.**—The Meeting-House repaired and newly painted—Rev. Fuller, of Aintab, Turkey, held a missionary meeting; Rev. Edmond (preached a Memorial sermon, G. A. R. May '85—The Salvation army l ings here and at Biddeford—notice by T. H. ch. Mirror, March 14—Library has received \$5000, as a bequest by the Cornelius Sweetser w Institute receives the same amount....**YORK.**—The spire of the First cl struck by lightning, July 9, '85. Damage to spire and vestibule, about \$.

The Fourth annual Conference of the Young Peoples' Society for Clu deavor, held at Ocean Park, Old Orchard, July 8, 9, 1885. Reported Co 16, Ch. Mirror, July 18.

York County Sunday School Convention held in Limington, April 29, Secretary, Rev. John D. Emerson, proposes to reach all the towns in t during the year. He will be assisted by Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, State Se S. S. A Convention was held in Lyman, May 8.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the State Young Men's Chris ciation was held in Biddeford, November 13—16, 1884.

The Annual meeting of the York County Teachers' Association at Sac Rev. B. P. Snow, *President*.

**NECROLOGY.** Mrs. Elizabeth M. Dow, mother of Rev. W. W. Dow, in Portsm Dec. 23, '84, set 94; member of Christ's Church, 80 years. Ob. Ch. Mir., . .... Miss Rachel Scammon, in Saco, Dec. 26, set 88 .... Mrs. Claire Aust Rice, wife of Rev. Charles B. Rice, pastor in Saco, 1854—'61, in Danvi January 9, '85. Ob. Congl'st January 22, Ch. Mirror, January 23.... Small, in Saco, Editor of Biddeford Times, January 31, set 47.... Mrs. Edwards, widow of the late Oren Edwards, of Saco, in Alfred, May 6, Ob. Congl'st, May 21.... Mrs. Emily Duncan, wife of Dea. Charles D Kittery, May 25, set 74. Ob. Ch. Mir., June 6.... Dea. Charles Duncan, in June 4, set 77,—a deacon 43 years. Ob. by W. W. Dow, Ch. Mirror, June

Rev. Charles E. Andrews, of Biddeford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Confer* Edmond C. Ingalls, of Saco, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Alfred, Oct. 13.

**YORK ASSOCIATION.**—Organized in Arundel. (now Kennebunkport, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last T September. *Members*, Minutes 1879, p. 94, Rev. Alpha Morton of Wells.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are conne the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, N. H., formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scri*

## MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

	Ordained.	
Jonathan E. Adams, Sec. Me. Miss. Soc.	Bangor.....	1859, October 19
Silas Baker.....	Standish.....	1832, March 7
Thomas E. Brastow.....	Rockport.....	1866, October 11
S. G. Brown, D.D., Prof. Bowdoin C.....	Brunswick.....	1852, October 6
Philip Bunnell.....	Phillips.....	1828, June 3
Jonas Burnham.....	Farmington.....	1858, July 28
John J. Carruthers, D. D.....	Portland.....	1819, June 8
Calvin Chapman.....	Kennebunkport.....	1842, December 8
Ephraim C. Cummings.....	Portland.....	1858, March 17
David Q. Cushman.....	Bath.....	1838, February 7
Francis B. Denio, Professor.....	Bangor T. Sem.....	1881, January 11
John O. Fiske, D. D.....	Bath.....	1843, August 17
Samuel L. Gould.....	Bethel.....	1839, October 23
Edwin A. Harlow, State Missionary.....	Bangor.....	1863, August 26
Henry B. Hart.....	Brooksville.....	1869, Decem'r 21
William DeWitt Hyde, President B. C.	Brunswick.....	1883, Sept'r 27
Horatio Hsley.....	South Freeport.....	1837, October 26
Alfred E. Ives.....	Castine.....	1838, Sept'r 25
Marcus R. Keep.....	Ashland.....	1847, January 4
Elbridge Knight.....	Fort Fairfield.....	1843, Sept'r 13
Daniel Lane.....	Freeport.....	1843, November 5
John K. Lincoln.....	Bangor.....	1862, Sept'r 20
Henry S. Loring.....	Winthrop.....	1850, June 20
Joseph Loring.....	East Otisfield.....	1833, Sept'r 10
Thomas G. Mitchell.....	Madison Bridge.....	1846, November 18
William J. Murphey.....	Portland.....	1879, April 15
Edward R. Osgood.....	Bluehill.....	1871, October 24
Levi L. Paine, D. D., Professor.....	Bangor T. Sem.....	1861, October 9
Samuel W. Pearson.....	Brunswick.....	1870, November 9
William Pierce.....	Hollis.....	1836, August 1
J. Loring Pratt.....	Strong.....	1867, November 7
Charles J. H. Ropes, Professor.....	Bangor T. Sem.....	1877, August 15
John S. Sewall, D. D., Professor.....	Bangor T. Sem.....	1859, April 20
Alfred L. Skinner.....	Bucksport.....	1854, January 27
Joseph Smith.....	Bangor.....	1842, November 10
Lewis F. Stearns, D. D., Professor.....	Bangor T. Sem.....	1873, October 14
Henry G. Storer.....	Scarboro.....	1850, March 30
Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.....	Bangor.....	1836, December 7
Sewall Tenney, D. D.....	Ellsworth.....	1831, August 10
George F. Tewksbury.....	Alfred.....	1838, January 31
James B. Thornton.....	Scarboro.....	1851, June 4
Israel P. Warren, D. D., Ed. C. Mirror.	Portland.....	1842, April 20
John B. Wheelwright.....	Woodfords.....	1851, October 15

**Pastors Installed for the Year En**

Charles B. Wathen.....	Orono.....
Edgar M. Cousins.....	Warren Ch. C.
Benjamin B. Merrill .....	First Ch. Brew
Charles D. Crane.....	Second Ch. Ne
Omar W. Folsom.....	Winter St. Ch.
Eddy T. Pitts.....	West Ch. Port
Edmond C. Ingalls.....	Saco.....
Charles A. Marsh.....	Woodfords, De

**Pastors Ordained and Installed for Y**

Nathan H. Harriman.....	First Ch. Bang
A. Frederic Dunnels.....	Central Ch. Ba
Charles H. Percival.....	Wiscasset.....

**Ordained as Evangelists, for the Yea**

William C. Jones.....	Freedom ....
Charles T. Hawes.....	First Ch. Searsj

**Pastors Dismissed during the Year**

William R. Richards.....	Central Church
Francis W. Sanborn.....	Central Ch. Ya
Dwight M. Seward, D. D.....	Plymouth Ch. .
John O. Fiske, D. D.....	Winter St. Ch.
S. Winchester Adriaance....	Woodfords, De
Thomas P. Williams.....	Gilead.....
Edmond C. Ingalls.....	South Paris....
Charles W. Huntington .....	Ellsworth.....
J. Evarts Pond.....	Second Ch. Wa
Theodore C. Jerome.....	Gorham, N. H.
Francis D. Kelsey.....	New Glouceste
Henry A. Freeman.....	Old Town.....

**Ministers Resigned, or Ask**

Edwin A. Harlow.....	Cape Elizabeth
David S. Hibbard.....	Elliot.....
Eddy T. Pitts.....	Limington.....
Henry C. Robinson.....	Buxton.....
Frederic E. Shaw.....	East Machias..
William Haynes.....	Houlton.....
William F. Obear.....	Winthrop.....
Richard Wickett.....	Pownal.....
Frederic G. Chutter.....	Vassalboro....
Arthur G. Fitz.....	Wilton.....
Charles A. Marsh.....	Thomaston....
Joseph Torrey, D. D .....	Yarmouth, Fir
Alfred J. McGown.....	Bar Harbor....
William C. Jones.....	Freedom.....
George Michael.....	Alfred.....
Francis Newport.....	South Gardiner
William C. Thompson.....	Acton.....
Edward P. Eastman.....	Fort Fairfield..
J. Lawrence Hill.....	New Sharon, at
Isaiah P. Smith.....	Falmouth, Fir
Stephen L. Bowler.....	Bethel, First C
Albert Donnell.....	Berlin, N. H...
John B. Wheelwright.....	Phillips.....
Daniel W. Hardy.....	Searsport, 2d. C
Lauriston Reynolds.....	Auburn, Sixth t
George W. Stearns.....	Patten and Isl
Benjamin Tappan, D. D....	Norridgewock..



## NECROLOGY.

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REV. WILLIAM STINSON SEWALL, in St. Albans, September 27, 1884, of stoppage in the bowels, and congestion of the kidneys, æt 77.

Mr. S., the son of Henry, and Esther Wheelwright (Moody) Sewall, was born in Bath, Me., June 19, 1807. Studied at Farmington Academy; graduated at Bowdoin College, 1834; Bangor Seminary, 1838; licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association, Bangor, Dec. 19, 1837. In 1838, he fulfilled a mission at Clinton, Fairfield and Brownville; ordained pastor at Brownville, (where he had been acting-pastor from Jan. 1, 1839,) on the 25th of Sept., 1839, continuing to Sept. 19, 1861, although not dismissed by Council until June 8, 1863. He also supplied Sebec, Milo, and Atkinson more or less of the time, during that period. He resided at Dover, from Sept. 19, '61, to July 19, '62, supplying the churches occasionally, being at Garland three months during the absence of the pastor. He was acting-pastor at St. Albans, from July 19, 1862, to 1878, and resident there until his death, preaching here and at other places, as opportunity offered.—Kenduskeag, Plymouth and Dixmont shared in his labors, from 1862 to '72; Athens a part of the time, from 1871, closing Sept. 17, 1876. He was at Solon half the time in 1876.

Mr. S. was a faithful, laborious minister and his memory will be cherished by many. His favorite hymn was, "I love thy kingdom, Lord." He was systematic in giving; for several years devoting a tenth to various objects.

He was taken sick Sept. 9, suffering much, but very patient. "The great truths he had preached were his stay and solace in the hour of death. He seemed to think of nothing else. He felt his own unworthiness very sensibly, saying—'I am nothing,—*nothing*.—*Jesus is all*; let no other trust intrude.'" He married in 1840, Miss Miriam Purinton, daughter of James and Miriam (Melcher) Purinton, of Topsham. There were six children. The wife, three sons and one daughter survive. Ob. Ch. Mir., Oct. 11. History Bowdoin College 1882, p. 465.

REV. JOHN CALVIN ADAMS, in Falmouth, Me., January 17, 1895, æt 74.

Mr. A. the son of Dea. Eliashib and Anna (Leland) Adams, was born in Bucksport, Me., August 7, 1810. Preparatory studies at the Academy and Classical School, Bangor. Entered Bowdoin College, studying a year and two terms; at Amherst College from the autumn of 1831, graduating in 1833; engaged in teaching three years at Bucksport and Bangor; at Bangor Theological Seminary, in 1835; Yale Seminary, 1836, 7; teacher in Philadelphia three years, 1840-43; licensed to preach by the Cumberland Association at Falmouth, Me., May 9, '43; renewed at F., May 9 '48; ordained Aug. 18, 1851, at East Machias, where he was acting-pastor, from December 15, 1848-'67. From Feb. 13, 1859, he was acting-pastor of the First Church, Falmouth, continuing faithfully and lovingly to minister to them until his health forbade further labor. In the years of feebleness and suffering, which followed he was uncomplaining, and resigned to the will of his

Heavenly Father. The burial was at Mount which a service was held at the home of his ducted by his brother, Rev. Aaron C. Ad Harriman, pastor of First Church, Ba Andrews, daughter of Mr. Israel Andrews,

REV. LUTHER WISWALL, in Windham, M

Mr. W., the son of Major John and Mary Marlborough, N. H., January 9, 1801. H knowledge, and availed himself of the adv he was seventeen years of age, when he beg continued to do so for fifteen years. In tl terms at an Academy, and pursued studi united with the Congregational Church, chosen deacon, and for several years was school. In 1829 he purchased a farm, but l to preach the gospel, sold his farm, and en graduating in 1836. Licensed to preach June, 1836. He supplied at Passadumkeag and a. p. of the church in Jackson and Broc 12, 1837; dis. Sept. 9, 1853,—supplying also o dike, Sept., '50, to Oct. '52, and at Knox, on Windham, from Oct., '53 to Sept., '54; ins continued until death. He supplied dur 1858; Gorham, Great Falls, one-half the tim one-fourth in 1880. He wrote articles for th tion, was one of the Editors of the "Maine E defender of the faith of the Plymouth Pilg anti-slavery; a quiet wit, guided by strong the pleasure of social intercourse. His marked character. His cool and collected t discussion." His power and influence is e in the two places of his ministry.—In Jack thirty-two years. His mental vigor was m two weeks before his death he officiated in Lord's Supper.

In 1830, Apr. 7, he married Miss Sophr Mrs. W. died, and in 1862, June 18, he mar Ginn, of Winterport, Me., who died June 24 with paralysis in about an hour after her h Conference, at Williston Ch., Portland. ory and worth, is in Ch. Mirror, July 23. H died Aug. 12, '81. Of six children, only one Portland Press, March 17.

FREDERIC ELIAS SHAW, in Brewer Villa

Mr. S., the son of Elias and Eliza (Phillip Me., May 18, 1825. He graduated at the E and was subsequently seven years foreman Argus Printing Office. He went to Orlas County Attorney of Hancock County; from In 1862, he recruited Co. D, of the 18th Mai and was chosen Aug. 21, 1st Lieutenant. Feb. 23, 1864, and honorably discharged M Major. He was known as a brave and faith he became Editor and Reporter of the Oxfo 1874. He was County Treasurer of Oxford Military Staff, held positions in the religiou

political organizations. In 1874 he purchased an interest with Rev. B. P. Dow, in the Christian Mirror, and sold soon after to Dingley & Co., Lewiston. After this was Editor and Prop'r one year of the "Coos Republican," Lancaster, N. H. He engaged in evangelical work for three years in Maine, partly in the interests of the Young Men's Christian Association, and felt impelled to devote the rest of his life to ministerial work. He wrote about this time, "It is my intention to devote the rest of my life to the Master's work, winning souls to Him, and seeking to build up His kingdom."

He was ordained at Dennysville, June 13, 1878, and became acting-pastor of the church at East Machias, remaining with great acceptance to Nov. 1, 1884, when he accepted a call to supply the churches at Brewer Village, and East Orrington, commencing at once with great diligence the work of the ministry there, with promising results. Very suddenly was he called to relinquish it; but with sweet submission he was ready to leave the work he so much loved, if it was the Master's will.

He married Sarah Ellen Benson, daughter of Seth Ellis, and Eleanor Grace (Doane) Benson, of Bangor, March 9, 1852. The funeral services were held in the church at Brewer Village. The address by Dr. George T. Field, of Bangor, his former pastor. Ob. Bangor Whig, Apr. 14 and 16; N. H. Mirror, Apr. 18, 25; G. H. W. in Oxford Democrat, Apr. 21.

SOLOMON GEORGE FOSTER, in Wilton, Me., August 26, 1884, æt 43.

Mr. F., the son of Hiram and Eliza (Howard) Foster, was born in Weld, Me., June 16, 1841. His early education was at the Town and High Schools of Weld; graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1864; licensed by the Penobscot Association, at Bangor, May 26, '83. He supplied at Dedham and other places while connected with the Seminary, and was called to the pastorate of the Second Church, York, where he commenced his work on the first Sabbath of June, 1864, with the prospect of a pleasant and useful ministry. After about two months earnest labors, he was taken ill and went to Wilton, hoping that a brief respite and rest would enable him to resume them; but it was ordered otherwise, and his last prayer was for that church. He married Dec. 1, 1863, Adelaide O. Welch, of Wilton, only child of Stephen and Joanna (Nordstram) Welch, who survives him. "He was faithful, earnest, diligent, modest, devout and true." Ob. by Prof. Sewall, Ch. Mir., Sept. 6. Resolutions of Senior class, Ch. Mir., Oct. 25.

REV. SAMUEL HUDSON PARTRIDGE, in Greenfield, N. H., May, 22, 1884, t 56, of pneumonia.

Mr. P., the son of Lewis and Betsey (Fay) Partridge, was born in Dalton, N. H., October 15, 1827. Educated at Francestown, N. H., Academy; studied Theology with Rev. Z. G. Brastow, D. D., of Keene, N. H.; acting-pastor at Milo and Sebec, Me., Dec. 1, 1850, to April 1, 1852, remaining at Sebec three months longer; a. p. Hillsboro Center, from Sept. 25, 1852, until ordained pastor, May 10, 1853; dia. April 30, 1857; a. p., Lebanon, Me., May 10, 1857 to May 10, 1858; Kittery, Aug. 1, 1858, to Feb. 1, '59; York, Second Ch., May 22, 1859, to Oct. 1, 1868; Greenfield, N. H., from 1869, until death. Married March 25, 1851, Elvira, daughter of Joel and Mary Fay, of Waterboro, N. H. Three daughters. Cong'l. Year Book, 1885, p. 31.

REV. DANIEL FOX POTTER, in Brunswick, September 17, 1884, æt 65.

Mr. P., the son of John and Caroline (Fox) Potter, was born in Augusta, Me., Feb. 24, 1819. Graduated at Phillips' Academy, Exeter, N. H., Bowdoin College, 1841; studied several months at Princeton Seminary, graduating at Bangor Seminary, 1848; licensed by Kennebec Association, Apr. 22,

1851; supplied at Houlton, Me., 1849-'50; Hodgdon, 1849-'51; Monticell 1850-'51; Dexter, 1852; ordained pastor at Union, Oct. 26, 1852, having supplied that church from Sept. 1, 1851; he closed labors May 31, 1856; dia. Council, Oct. 30, 1860; acting-pastor at Topsham, Dec. 6, 1856 to 1868. His health not allowing him to preach, he was chosen representative from Topsham to the State Legislature, 1869-'71; supervisor of schools in Sagadahoc County, 1870-'71; resident at Brunswick from 1874, and employed in the Custom House, Portland, from July, 1879 to Sept. 1883. He married Readfield, Me., Aug. 24, 1854, Miss Albina A. Cram, daughter of Upham and Nancy Cram—children, Caroline, Barrett, and May Edwards Potter. "Mr. P. had suffered from a throat and lung trouble for nearly twenty years, disabling him from preaching the larger part of the time, and in the end resulting in his death in the form of bronchial pneumonia. He died peacefully, a smile lighting up his face as the summons came for him to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." Cong'l. Year Book 18 p. 31. History Bowdoin College 1882, p. 561.

REV. GEORGE BROWN, in Hudson, Mass., Sept. 24, at 80. (Ossification of the veins.)

Mr. B., the son of Jonathan and Dorothea (French) Brown, was born Seekonk, Mass., Jan. 20, 1798. He received an education in Common Schools, and in Peacham, (Vt.) Academy. After teaching and studying Bangor and vicinity, he entered Bangor Seminary in 1823, and graduated 1827, remaining a year longer for study. He was licensed June 15, 1827, Bangor, by the Hancock and Penobscot Association. He preached Brewer, Bangor, Lubec, Eastport, Dennysville and other places before leaving the Seminary. He preached while teaching at Mt. Desert, in May and June, 1828; acting-pastor at Wilton and Temple, 1828-'29, receiving call to settle at the latter place. He was agent of the Kennebec Bible Society, March 15 to June 7, 1829, supplying at Windsor, China, Belgrade, Rome, Dearborn and Augusta; acting-pastor at Industry, June 4, '30 to Sept. 12, '30; a. p. at Mt. Desert, Oct. 1, '30 to Dec. 20, '32, and while he was ordained as an Evangelist at Castine, Sept. 20, 1832; a. p. at Windsor, May 18, '33 to Apr. 22, '34; North Augusta, May, June, 1833; Monticello, preaching and teaching 1833-'34 to Feb. 28, '35; Dexter, Solon, Cornville, Athol and Bingham, March 23, '35 to June 30, '35; Bangor, Aug. 30, to Dec. 30, '35, preaching occasionally; a. p., Swansville and Waldo Co., from Jan. 2, '36, teaching also in Prospect.

On the 27th of Sept., 1837, he was installed pastor of the church Swanville; dia. Apr. 1, 1840; at Jonesboro, May and June 1840, where he organized a church; at Harpswell, Oct. 1840; Raymond, Nov., '40; Albion and Unity, '41 and '42; Albion, preaching and teaching to Aug. 8, '43, thence to Seekonk, Mass.; while residing here, he taught school at Rehoboth, Mass., four months, preaching in the vicinity; a. p., Dighton, Mass., Upper Corner, June 13, '45 to Oct. 27, '46; taught school at Smithfield, R. I., and was resident afterwards at Pawtucket, R. I., teaching, and in various secular labors, preaching occasionally. Married Oct. 15, 1839, Mehitah daughter of William and Alice (Crane) Allan, of Lubec, Me., who died May 23, 1879. Cong'l. Year Book 1885, p. 19.

"His example was conspicuous for integrity and aggressive righteousness and his strong faith gave courage to many a weak spirit."

STEPHEN ALONZO LOPER, in Hartford, Conn., December 12, 1884, at 84

Mr. S., the son of Daniel and Temperance (Fowler) Loper, was born Guilford, Conn., Sept. 17, 1800. Educated preparatory to entering the Theological Seminary, at Madison, Ct., with Rev. Dr. Elliot as tutor. Licensed by Penobscot Association, Aug. 22, 1825; ordained pastor Hampden, Jan. 3, 1827; dia. March 2, 1832, pastor at Middle Haddam, Conn.

Jan., 1834 to Oct., '41; a. p., Hadlyme, Conn., from 1842, and pastor, from May, 1845, to June, 1850. Afterwards at Higganum, 1850-'56; Trumbull, 1856-'58; Westbrook, 1858-'63; Madison, '63-'65; New Fairfield, '65-'67; Cobalt, '67-'71 and Nepang, all in Conn., '72-'75. He ministered a second period of three years at Middle Haddam, and represented the town of Chatham in the legislature of 1868, and 1869. His varied labors were referred to in a letter written Nov. 10, 1875 to Rev. W.H. Moore, Secretary of the Connecticut Association, who was endeavoring by a circular to the churches to secure a fund for ministers,—“as illustrating the experiences, necessities and spirit of those aided,” etc. Says a friend, “His was a successful ministry, as I believe the last great day will disclose.” “His whole life was characterized by cheerfulness and trust in God.” He married at Madison Conn., in 1827, Sarah B. Meigs, daughter of John and Phebe Meigs—Notice Congl'st., Dec., 18. Ch. Mirror, Dec. 27. Connecticut Minutes 1885, p. 637.

REV. JOTHAM SEWALL, in Bangor, December 18, 1884, at the residence of his son, Professor John S. Sewall, D. D., at 93 years.

Mr. S., son of Jotham and Jenney Sewall (Sewall,) born in Chester Plantation, now Chesterville, Me., December 6, 1791. Preliminary education, in Common Schools, and in Bangor. Graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1822, the tenth in the Catalogue of the Alumni. Licensed by Penobscot Association, August, 1821. He preached in Union and Camden alternately from 1822 to 1824, and at New Castle, First church, from March, 1824. He was ordained pastor of this church Nov., 1821, remaining fifteen years, greatly beloved; dis. by Council, Aug. 14, 1839. During this period, on account of his health, he spent two winters in Georgia, one winter as a Missionary of the Am. Home Missionary Society in the Counties of Effingham, Scriven and Bullock; and the second as Seamen's Preacher and City Missionary in Savannah, under the direction of the City Missionary Society. He was installed pastor of the First church, Westbrook, Me., Oct. 9, 1839; dis. May 29, 1842; acting-pastor at Bluehill from Sept. 25, 1842; installed pastor, August 24, 1843; dis. June 10, 1847; a. p. at Woolwich, Oct. 31, 1847 to June 19, 1851; a. p., Orfordville, N. H., from Sept. 14, 1851; installed pastor, Feb. 16, 1853; dis. Oct. 9, 1855; a. p., Presb. church, North Granville, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1855, to Jan. 3, 1869. Then removed to Chicago, Ills., sup-  
plying at Riverside in Lyons, Cook County, Feb. 28 to Oct. 31, 1869; a. p. at Harpswell, Me., July 17, to Oct. 2, 1870; a. p. at Homewood, Cook County, Ills., Aug. 6, 1871 to Feb. 11, 1872; and in 1870, six months in Maywood, Ills. Since that time preaching only occasionally. In 1873 he spent the winter with his son, Rev. Grenville P. Sewall, then pastor of the Presb. church, in Cayuga, New York, aiding in a series of meetings. His home has been in Chicago, for several years. It was fitting that he should close his ministerial life where he had commenced it, and at the home of his son, a graduate and now a professor in the same seminary; and that he, who was the oldest of the Alumni should have been bourn to his last resting place by members of the class which were next to graduate,—the first and the last linked together.

Mr. Sewall prepared a Memoir of his father, the pioneer Maine Missionary, Jotham Sewall, which was published in 1853, 408 pages with a portrait. In 1879 he published a pamphlet of 80 pages, entitled, “The Second Coming of Christ, to be Post Millenial,” and in 1883, “Christ's Spiritual Presence, not his Second Coming.” He has written articles in the Boston Review, Christian Mirror and other religious papers.—One, “The solemn alternative,” in Mirror, only a few months before his death.

He married (1) Rachel C. Bradbury, Jan. 24, 1815; (2) Anna Baker, Nov. 20, 1838; (3) Martha A. Burr, Sept. 13, 1860. Six children are worthy successors of a long line of faithful men, viz., Rev. David B. Sewall, York, Me.; Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, head-master of Thayer Academy, South

Bramtree, Mass.; Prof. John S. Sewall, D. Grenville P. Sewall, Troy, Penn.; Rev. Alt. Mass.; and a daughter, Mrs. Fitch B. Stacy, &c.

He has been true to the faith; earnest, Master's service, with a deep sense of the an ambassador of Christ.

REV. BENJAMIN TUCKER SANBORN, in Bos

Mr. S., the son of Moses N. and Syrene (T. Fremont. N. H., Sept. 24, 1828. Educated at Meriden, N. H.; graduated from Bangor Sem. Penobscot Association. He supplied at Presb. and Fort Fairfield, Aroostook Co., 1862 to 20, 1863 to Jan. 15, '65; Freeport, May 20, 1865 to 1870-'75. He then went to Salem, N. H., and been without charge in Boston. Married Adams Gallupe, Bangor, daughter of Willis Haywood (Stone) Gallupe. The burial was at

REV. JOHN BRADFORD RICHMOND WALKER

Jan. 24, 1885, at 64.

Mr. R., the son of Richmond and Abigail (T. Taunton, Mass., Apr. 25, 1821. Educated at graduated from Brown University, 1841; And in Friend's Academy, New Bedford, Mass. Academy, Taunton, 1842-'43. Ordained at church, Bucksport, Me., Oct. 27, 1847; dia. J. bury, Mass., engaged in preparing "A Men Plymouth Colony," which was published in Installed pastor, Second church, Holyoke, labors in 1864; a. p. at East Hartford, Ct., First church, Winsted, Ct., March 10, 1867 to Ct., engaging in literary work; removing in 1 several years he has been preparing a Co ready for publication. Cong'l, Jan. 29. Feb. 21. Minutes, Vermont, 1885, p. 43.

He married (1.) Mary A. Adams, of Boston,

REV. CEPHAS HENRY KENT, in New Have

Mr. K., the son of Rev. Dan and Betsey Benson, Vt., July 17, 1802. Educated at Andover at Middlebury College, 1824; Andover Sem. Barrington, N. H., Oct. 22, 1828; dia. May ch., Kennebunkport, Me., Nov. 10, '30; dia. Freeport, July 25, 1832; dia. Sept. 26, '36; p. 1837 to Jan., '42; a. p. at Benson, Vt., Feb., Vt., Missionary Society, 1842; agent, Vt., Poultney, Vt., Jan., 1848 to Dec. '51; pastor Jan., '51; a. p., Ripon, Vt., October, 1861 to ' charge at New Haven, Vt., from 1880.

He married Mary A. Clark, Apr., 28, 1829. vive. One son is Rev. Evarts Kent, of Atlant of Rev. Stephen Knowlton, of Greensboro familiar with the New Testament Greek, and to a critical examination of the late version February 21

"The Lord, whom he had valiantly served days. A few hours before the end, as his l

looked upon them, and wrote with the finger of one hand on the palm of the other, Glory,—Glory,—and so he fell asleep."

REV. GILES LEACH, in Franklin Falls, N. H., June 29, 1885, æt 84, of Paralysis.

Mr. L., the son of Levi and Betsey (Conant) Leach, was born in Bridge water, Mass., Apr. 1, 1801. Preliminary education in his native town. Graduated at Amherst College, 1829; Andover Seminary, 1832. Ordained at Sandwich, N. H., Feb. 6, 1833; dia. Feb. 26, 1840. Installed pastor, Meredith Village, N. H., Nov. 23, 1842; dia. June 15, 1854. Acting-pastor of First church, Wells, Me., from Sept. 1, 1854 to Oct. 1, 1867; a. p. at Rye, N. H., from Oct., 1867 to Dec., 1870. Afterwards supplied at Stewartstown, Center Harbor; Wentworth, and Meredith, N. H.,—residing after 1870 with his four daughters at Franklin Falls, Meredith Village, N. H., and Wakefield; Mass. He married, Dec. 6, 1806, Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Stephen and Phebe Thompson Heath, Mass. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, J. H. Sanborn, M. D. "A conscientious and faithful minister of Christ, he died in the full assurance of faith." Cong'l st., July 9, Advance, July 9. Resolutions of esteem passed by Belknap Association, N. H., Aug. 10, '85.

REV. JOHN ROBINSON CHALMERS, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 12, 1885, æt 40.

Mr. C., the son of George and Esther Chalmers, was born in Newbury, Vt., Wells River Parish, August 2, 1845. He was educated at Kimball Union Academy, Meredith, N. H., and pursued a partial course at Dartmouth College. Graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1874. Licensed by the Penobscot Association, at Bangor, May 21, 1873. Supplied at Veazie, North Bangor, Passadumkeag, Greenbush, Olamon, Patten and Island Falls from August, 1872, and during his Seminary course. At Dedham, in 1873, and '74, nine months. Ordained pastor at Wilton, July 9, 1874; dia. Sept. 14, '75; acting-pastor, Pavilion church, Biddeford, Sept. 26, '75 to June, '76; a. p., Fairhaven, Vt., Sept. 1, '76 to Jan. 1, '77; a. p., Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 1, '77 to Apr. 1, '83; a. p., Sioux City, Iowa, Nov. 1, '79 to Apr. 1, '83; a. p., Norwood, New York, from May 20, '83. On account of ill health he left Norwood in the winter of '85, and came to St. Johnsbury, Vt. He married Ella Ward, April 11, 1871. Mr. R. was a diligent, earnest and faithful minister, ever seeking to know and to do the Master's will. Cong'l., and Advance, July 23.

REV. JAMES MCLEAN, in Springfield, Mo., Jan. 11, 1884, æt 58, (of typhoid pneumonia.)

Mr. M., son of John and Euphenia Dermott (Blakie) McLean, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, June 25, 1830. Western Reserve College, 1852-'55. Graduated, Williams College, 1856; Andover Sem., 1859. Ordained pastor, Thomaston, Me., August 30, 1859; dia. June 1, 1861; pastor, South Dennis, Mass., 1861-'62; a. p., Astor St. Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.; pastor, 1862-'65; a. p., Berlin, 1865-'66; Menasha, 1866-'69; pastor, Hampton, N. H., 1870-'72; at South Weymouth, Mass., 1872-'76; a. p., West Boxford, 1876-'78; Groveland, 1879; Pierce City, Mo., 1880-'83; Second church, Springfield, Mo., 1883, until death. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 27.

Average age of the above sixteen,—69 years; of eight of them, 83 years; of eight others, 55 years.

**REV. HENRY KIRKE WHITE PERKINS**, in Somerville, Mass., Apr. 16, '84, æt 69, of bronchial asthma, and Bright's disease.

Mr. W., the son of Chesley and Deborah (Morgridge) Perkins, was born in Penobscot, Me., Nov. 21, '14. Studied at Hampden Academy, and Maine Wesleyan Seminary. Ordained Methodist in Portland, '36, and stationed at Mercer; then Missionary to the Indians in Oregon, to '44; agent, Am. Peace Society, residing at Cambridgeport; preached in Vassalboro, Union, and Hallowell, Cornish and Brownfield. After studying Theology with Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., of Bangor, he was ordained by a Congregational Council, at Saco, May 25, '58, and engaged in Missionary labors in Boston, and vicinity. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 31.

**THOMAS WINTHROP CLARK**, in Boston, (Roxbury Dist.), Feb. 11, '81, æt 61.

Mr. C., the son of Thomas and Eliza Clarke, was born in Brewster, Mass., Feb. 12, 1820. Preparatory education pursued at Leicester, Mass. Graduated Bangor Seminary, 1846. Licensed by Hancock Association, at Bucksport, Jan. 20, 1846. Ordained pastor of the church in Phillips, Oct. 10, '48; dia. Nov. 20, 1849. He connected himself with the Baptist denomination, and in 1851, was installed pastor of the Baptist church at Nantucket, Mass., remaining to 1855; afterwards with churches in Wheatland, N. Y., three years; Stonington, Ct., and Harwich, Mass. During the war he was chaplain of the 27th Mass., and 99th N. Y., Regiments, losing a leg in the service. Afterwards Chaplain in the Military Hospital, Worcester, Mass., and seven years in the Custom House, at Boston. Married, (2) Jan. 22, 1851, Angeline M. Walcott.

**REV. CHARLES LEWIS MILLS**, in Andover, Mass., Oct. 3, 1884, æt 72.

Mr. Mills was born in Morristown, New Jersey, August 11, 1812. Graduated, Yale, 1835; student at Princeton Seminary, 1835-'37. His longest pastorate was at North Bridgewater, Mass., ten years. After 1865 he supplied various churches for a brief period. In Maine, at Second church, Portland; Hammond St. Ch., Bangor, (1880); Old Town, and other places. He was clear, and unique in his presentation of the truth; full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, manifesting much of the Spirit of the Master, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bonds of peace.

**REV. FREDERIC H. MAGOUN**, in Grinnell, Iowa, Apr. 15, '85, æt 33.

Mr. M., the son of Rev. George F. and Sarah (Hyde) Magoun, was born in Bath, Me. Notice, Cong'l'st., Apr. 23.

**REV. HOWARD MOODY**, died in Andover, N. H., Apr. 19, '85, æt 77.

Mr. M., was born in York, Me., May 4, 1808. Cong'l'st., Apr. 30.

### ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

**EDWARD PAYSON**, \*1827, by E. P. E., in Congregationalist, Sept. 25, '84.

**PETER NOURSE**, \*1840,—pastor at Ellsworth, 1812-'35, by L. Deane, in Portland Advertiser, Jan. 8, '85; also, of John G. Deane,

**WILLIAM LADD**, \*1841. Preacher of Peace, in Lewiston Journal, Nov. 23, 1884.

**EDWIN JOHNSON**, \*1883, Dec. 25, Minutes '84, p. 111. Record, Cong'l. Year Book 1884, p. 26. New York Minutes 1885, p. 67.

**WILLIAM A. SPAULDING**, \*1884, Jan. 10, Minutes 1884, p. 112. Cong'l. Year Book, '85, p. 33



STEPHEN TITCOMB, \*1884, Jan. 22. Minutes 1884, p. 112. Cong'l. Year Book, '85, p. 36.

WOOSTER PARKER, \*1884, Jan. 24, Minutes 1884, p. 112. Cong'l. Year Book 1885, p. 30.

CALVIN WHITE, \*1884, Jan. 26, Minutes 1884, p. 113. Cong'l. Year Book 1885, p. 37.

JOHN S. BATCHELDER, \*1884, Jan. 27, Minutes '84, p. 114. Cong'l. Year Book 1885, p. 18.

MICAH W. STRICKLAND, \*'84, Feb. 13, Minutes '84, p. 114. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 34.

LEAVITT BARTLETT, \*'84, March 9, Minutes '84, p. 114. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 17. Report Am. Home Missionary Society, '85, p. 18.

NATHANIEL MINER, \*'84, March 22, Minutes '84, p. 114. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 28. Conn. Minutes '85, p. 633.

THOMAS N. LORD, \*'84, March 25, Minutes '84, p. 115. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 25.

STEPHEN THURSTON, \*'84, May 27, Minutes '84, p. 115. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 35.

WILLIAM S. SPAULDING, \*'84, July 10, Minutes '84, p. 116. Cong'l. Year Book, '85, p. 33.

ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, \*'84, July 13, Minutes '84, p. 117. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 30....The Maine Historical Society held a Memorial service, which is reported in Portland Press, Jan. 9, '85. He had been a member from 1823. For 46 years its Librarian and Cabinet keeper. For the past ten years its Secretary....Notice by Rev. E. P. Thwing, Ch. Mir., July 19, '85. ....Memorial window to be provided at Brunswick.

TIMOTHY E. RANNEY, \*'84, July 30, Minutes '84, p. 117. Cong'l. Year Book '85, p. 32. Notice in Vermont Chronicle, August. Minutes Vermont Conference '85, p. 41.

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NOTICE OF MINISTERS IN MAINE, whose native place was in New Hampshire, by Rev. Nathan F. Carter, has been continued in the Independent Statesman, Concord, N. H., commencing Jan. 1, 1931, (see Minutes 1881, p. 166; 1882, p. 134; 1883, p. 120; and '84, p. 120.)

No. 1. New Series, Nov. 27, 1884,—*Hampstead*.—Henry True Kelley, at Newfield and Parsonsfield, 1825-'27; \*Cheatham, Canada, 1840. Maine Minutes 1867, p. 28, 31, 57....Henry True, at Union, 1806-'49; \*Augusta, 1857. Minutes, 1867, p. 42, 61.

No. 2. Dec. 11, '84,—*Hampton Falls*.—Jacob Cram, Union, Readfield, Monmouth, Waldoboro, Thomaston, Sedgwick and Putnam; 1811, Report Me. Missionary Society, p. 26; \*Exeter, N. H., '53.

No. 6. Jan. 8, '85,—*Londonderry*.—William Gregg, Cape Elizabeth, 1801-'06, and 1816-'24; \*Andover, Me., 1856; Minutes, 1867, p. 12, 13, 23....Rufus Anderson, North Yarmouth, 1794-'04; \*Wenham, Mass., 1814. Minutes, 1867, p. 13, 58, 139. William Miltimore, Falmouth, 1803-'33; \*Litchfield, N. H., '48. Minutes, '67, p. 16, 55, 55, 59, 62; '76, p. 135.

No. 7. Jan. 15, John McClench Bartley, 1 Minutes, '60, p. 31, 52.

No. 8. Jan. 22,—*Gilmanton*,—Francis P Albion, '45-'46; Sebasticook, Clinton, Bents and Chatham, '67; \*Wolfboro, '79. Minutes Shepard, Windham, 1836-'40; died, Nashua, Jan. 29. John Gunnison, Lyman, '31-'34; mouth, Second Ch., '42-'45; Westbrook, First, '61. Minutes, '67, p. 7, 46, 52, 63.... Benjamin, '65-'69; \*Friendville, Neb., '78. Minutes, '77

No. 12. Feb. 19,—*New Market*,—Stephen I Lyman, '55-'57; \*Dorchester, Mass., '67. Minutes

No. 13. Feb. 26,—*Deerfield*,—Thomas Cogswell of Mental and Moral Theology, Bowdoin College, 1867-'72; \*New York City, '72; Milton, Gilman; North Yarmouth, 1709—1809 Minutes, 1857, p. 56; 1867, p. 47, 52, 55, 57, 139.

No. 14. March 5,—*Dunbarton*,—Thomas J. dent, Gorham, '40-'60, \*Cambridgeport, Mass. p. 92.

No. 15. March 12,—*Littleton*,—Andrew B Danbury, N. H., '62. Minutes, '63, p. 30.—Parsonfield, '86, and '62; Westbrook, 1840-'4 church, 1862-'69; resident, Mechanic Falls, p. 30.—*Kingston*,—Jonathan Calef, Bloomfield Resident, 1831-'45, and died at Lyman, '45. 29, 52, 62.

No. 17. March 26,—*Plainfield*,—Weston B. field and Freeman, '92; Auburn, 1832-'38; reville, '41; Minutes, '67, p. 5, 54, 58.... Azar and Lewiston, '27. Maine Missionary Society the South about 1840.... Benjamin Chapman 1804. Minutes, '67, p. 15.

No. 18. April 2,—*Canaan*,—Charles Wal Northfield, '54-'57; \*Canaan, N. H., '71. Minutes, 61. Asa Mead, Brunswick, '22-'29; \*East Hartford. Audover Catalogue, '80, p. 30.

No. 19. April 9,—*Pelham*,—Charles Burnell '56, \*Townsend, Vt. '83. Minutes 1867, p. 6

No. 20. April 16,—*Derry*,—Joseph McKee Brunswick, 1802, until death 1807. Minutes College, '82, p. 111.—*Nelson*,—Granville W '57, '8, \*Westminister, Vt. '53. Minutes '53

No. 21. April 23,—*Newton*,—Robert Stevens '46, '7, \*Grundy Center, Iowa, '84. Minutes Year Book, '85, p. 34.

No. 22. May 7,—*Conway*,—Benjamin G. Verner, 1867. Minutes, 1867, p. 80, 96, 99; 1868, 1819-'31; Biddeford, First ch. '81-'39; Lisbon Buxton, South ch. '46, '47; Acton, '47-'50; \*Wolfborough, N. H. '60, Minutes, '60, p. 3

25. May 21,—*Salem*,—Noah Cressey, Norway, 1809-'19; North Yarmouth, chapel. ch. '20-'28; Gilead, '36, '7; South Sanford, '59, '61; and High, '59, '60. \*Boston Mass. '67, Minutes, '68, p. 84.

26. May 23,—*Portsmouth*,—Tobias Ham Miller, Kittery, '38-'40, mouth, N. H., '40. Minutes, 1870, p. 32.

28. June 11,—*Salisbury*,—Valentine Little, Bridgton two years a r; Bethel, First church, 1809-'15; Denmark, Fryeburg and Sweden, Me; Lowell and Sweden. 1823-'34; \*Salisbury, N. H., 1852. Minutes, . 7, 24, 41.....James Royal Cushing, Wells, 1st ch., 1844-'54; \*East Hill, Mass., 1881. Minutes, 1881, p. 163—*Hanover*,—Jonathan B. Condit, Portland, Second ch., 1838-'45; \*Auburn, N. Y., 1876. Minutes, '76, '77, p. 68.

32. July 9,—*Columbia*,—Royal Parkinson, Cape Elizabeth, First ch., 1; West Falmouth, 1855-'7; \*Washington, D. C., '82. Minutes, '83, '84, p. 120.

34. July 23,—*Amherst*,—David Weston, Gray, 1803-'25; \*1837. Minutes 19, 40, 55, 55, 58, 58—*Fremont*,—Benjamin Tucker Sanborn, Presque Port Fairfield, Washburn, Lyndon, 1863; Columbia Falls, 1864-5; Port, 1865-'70; Elliot, 1870-'74; \*Boston, Mass., 1884. Minutes, 1885, *Kensington*,—Nathan Tilton, Scarboro, 1800-'27; \*Scarboro, 1858, '67, p. 37, 59, 60.

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## REPORT OF THE

# Secretary of Sunday School

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For the year 1884-5, the Secretary of Sunday-schools and the Standing Committee on Sunday-school work bring before the Conference the following Report.

The past year has witnessed a remarkable advance all along the line in the Sunday-school work of our denomination. Some facts in our progress are especially note-worthy. Our Sunday-school and Publishing Society has organized or aided to organize four new schools a week, and the fruit of this one season of Sunday-school sowing has been a harvest of fifty or more new churches or dead churches revived. Nearly a thousand and a half of schools have been *aided*, and this means not merely keeping schools from dying but bringing them up (in many cases churches with them) to a vigorous, growing, prosperous life. In contributions there has been a handsome advance.

Our lesson-helps have increased in circulation so that now we have in use, over a quarter of a million—and it is coming to be the fact, ought to be, that the issues of our own Publishing Society are largely the rule in our schools.

Most important of all, we find the gain in the membership of churches through the country has been such as to challenge the live gratitude. While our churches lost from 1877 to 1882 nearly 400,000 year, the new departure in Sunday-school work has been marked by a great blessing in accessions so that this year there is good hope that the figures will show that our membership has again reached the total of its very best showing in 1877.

But our National Secretary to whose wise, indefatigable effort and whose wide and magnificent campaigns these results are largely due will array before you the work of the society, outline its plans and

hope, boldly emphasize the honor there is waiting for the Congregationalists of Maine, in heartily cooperating for the realization of these plans.

I have taken this glance at the excellent showing of the national work of our denomination, not to point any unbecoming contrast between interest elsewhere and interest with us, but rather to show that Congregationalists generally are becoming thoroughly awake to the availabilities of the Sunday-school. If the view given should chance to work in the minds of us, Maine Congregationalists, the clearer consciousness that we are not quite so fully co-workers and co-gainers as we might be might and ought to be—the bowman who has shot at a venture will be only too happy.

I am quite firmly convinced that one of the wheels of Sunday-school progress is statistics, but like other wheels, to be really serviceable, this should have every spoke complete and in its place.

Brethren, S. S. Superintendents and pastors, why should we not have full and complete reports from every single school in our state? Give a valid reason why not, and this call for figures shall be silenced. In the meantime, however, it will continue to be true, that this *knowing how the schools do*, has everywhere proved one of the most effective means to make the schools do well. This having all the schools reported, is like a good hand-shaking all around—it warms, rejoices and invigorates the whole circle. The Secretary regrets to say that we have not yet reached the millennium of full returns—and, indeed, he is obliged to admit that we are not yet up to a fair proportion of reported schools.

Aroostook has but seven living churches, and six report. York has twenty-eight churches and nearly every one has sent its greeting and report. Cumberland North has also a good record, its twenty-one churches, save three, sending a report. In the remaining conferences the proportion varies, and the total footing shows not far from three-fifths of the two hundred and fifty schools returning the addressed postal sent them.

Many small schools deserve as much credit as the larger ones, it may be more, for their numbers, but we presume it will be of interest to all to see the figures of the leading schools.

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Payson Memorial church leads Cumberland Conference and t  
with six hundred members. It has a Chinese class with a tea  
each member.

Cumberland Mills has .....  
Williston, Portland .....  
State St., Portland .....  
Woodfords .....  
Saccarappa. ....

CUMBERLAND NORTH.—Lewiston .....  
Auburn .....

FRANKLIN.—Farmington .....  
HANCOCK.—Bucksport .....  
KENNEBEC.—Gardiner .....  
Hallowell .....  
Winthrop .....

Augusta not reported.

LINCOLN and SAGADAHOC.—Bath, Winter st. ....

OXFORD.—So. Paris .....  
Bethel 1st. ....

PENOBSCOT.—Bangor, Central .....  
" Hammond St. ....  
" First .....

PISCATAQUIS.—Foxcroft .....  
Brownville .....

(Brownville has, for the population, we think, the best nu  
the State.)

SOMERSET.—Skowhegan .....

UNION.—Fryeburg .....

WALDO.—Rockport .....

WASHINGTON.—Calais .....  
Machias .....

YORK.—Biddeford 2d .....  
Alfred .....  
Biddeford Pavilion .....  
Cornish .....  
York, Wells and Kennebunk, each .....

The incomplete character of our statistics does not allow us to speak with certainty on this point, but we think there has been a considerable increase in the total number connected with our schools.

And another consideration of equal importance, the *average attendance* appears to have materially increased.

We wish we might announce improvement in another line which all thoughtful S. S. workers must regard as of prime importance, namely, mission Sunday-schools.—That attention to the claims of the untaught in city and country has increased, there can be no doubt, but our reports show only some twelve of such schools. There is a great field ripe for this harvest, in our State, and duty, wisdom and policy all press us to put in the sickle and reap. We believe that in no other way can we more effectually serve the churches or the great Head of the Church.

#### TEACHER'S MEETINGS.

Our reports show very few teacher's meetings, still we are glad to note the enlarged and more intelligent interest manifest in many places, in a better type of teaching, broader, more intelligent, stronger. In Portland, for the first time a successful union meeting on Friday for the study of the Sunday-school lesson, has been carried through the whole year,—the clergymen taking the lead in turn, our own ministers bearing an honorable part in this worthy work. In Bangor, a union meeting, fully attended, has been held since Jan'y. The tide is rising. Sunday-school publications are running to and fro and knowledge is being increased.

The time is seen to be approaching when ignorant, thin or sentimental teaching will have passed away, and a new teaching will take its place with no less of the gospel, no less of earnest love,—and immensely more of knowledge, thought and power—teaching having a real educational value, having too, a well grounded moral and ethical quality, which shall bear upon social relations, business life, and upon political duty. Nothing but teaching of the best type and tone in the Sunday-school room can successfully try titles with the tremendous energies of the teachings of the streets; nothing but teaching strong in heart, mind, soul, can grapple, with any hope of victory, with the powers of worldliness or with the splendid, terrible lawlessness of our times.

And, do not be mistaken brethren, these are the principal powers with which the Sunday-school (of all other agencies) n day, grapple. If these monsters are not throttled by the divin of the infant Hercules of the Sunday-school, they threaten church and nation.

#### MINISTERS IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It is an encouraging sign that our pastors in much increased have become practical workers in our schools. This fact has important bearing upon the future energy and effectiveness of the

#### ACTION OF COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Nearly all our County Conferences have now made the Superintendents of Sunday-schools members of the Conference, and this movement is abundantly demonstrating its wisdom. In the sessions of these Conferences the interests of the Sunday-school have assumed a leading place, calling out the best talent and attracting large audiences of the occasion.

#### LESSON HELPS.

The excellent publications of the S. S. and Publishing Society, the Pilgrim Series, have, the past year, made a great gain in our ranks and though they have not yet the exclusive place they deserve and which we as loyal Congregationalists ought to feel bound to give them, they are, rapidly, coming to occupy the leading position.

#### CONVERSIONS.

The accessions to the churches—we wish we could announce larger figures—have come in greater proportion and more directly from the Sunday-schools.

From Cumberland Centre, Brownville, Cumberland North, Big Lake, Second, and other points come most cheering reports, adding emphasis to the position that the main reliance of the church in the future must be upon the Sunday-school.

#### BENEVOLENT WORK.

It is with pleasure that we observe a quite manifest increase in the real benevolence of our schools. We greatly desire we had the opportunity to emphasize this point proportionally to its great merit and we say in a word, we want to say that it appears clear that the churches are making provision for the Sunday-school as they do for the other regular expenditures, and then all collections from the



should go for benevolent and missionary purposes. Is it not true that we give best and most to ourselves when we give away?

The great enterprises of home and foreign missions, and especially the grand operations of our own Sunday-school and Publishing Society call for aid, and we cannot lend to the Lord in any other more profitable investment than to aid this Society. And just what we want here is to enlist and educate the children; they need the generosity, magnanimity, self-denial, humanity, patriotism which will come from making *them* co-operative members in real giving; giving into the treasury of the Lord instead of the treasury of the library.

A meeting of the Standing Committee, and of others interested in a permanent organization of our Sunday-school workers in the State, was called during the last session of the Conference, but the results of that call, and of subsequent inquiries, were rather to the effect that the time had not quite arrived for such an organization. That time may now have come. At all events, we have great faith in such a banding together of our own Sunday-school forces. This subject deserves prompt and careful consideration.

#### NEW ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

One of the most promising and inspiring Sunday-school movements during the past year is the formation of a New England Association of Congregational Sunday-school workers. The liveliest enthusiasm has been awakened by this significant and large forward step.

A grand New England Convention will be held at Boston in November next, and it is to be hoped Maine will send a large delegation—this to do us credit and get us zeal.

#### OUR NATIONAL WORK.

Congregational Sunday-school representatives of the Maine Congregational churches, are you aware that our denomination has, with the true boldness of the gospel, dared to undertake a national work? Have you looked into this matter and measured the noble proportions this work has already assumed? Have you marked the splendid progress already made, and the grand promise of the future?

The real features and successes already gained fully justify this language. In the coming year let us share more largely and take more shares in this wide and richly hopeful work. This century of Congregationalism has undertaken no other movement of such magnificent possibilities, or fraught with such hopes for our church and our land.

## WHAT WE HAVE NOT DONE.

There is one suggestion more that ought to stir deeply. We come together here to tell what we *have done*;—the things at such times should have our best thoughts and eloquence, our best utterances, should be *what has not been done*.

The statistics of the work not done in state, in nation, what an exhibit would they make! And this work too, so largely of the nature of wild land to be reclaimed, cleared and then sown before intimated, of fields already ripe for the Sunday-school. Cannot Congregationalists take hold of this great business of school missionary work in Maine?

It is my profoundest conviction that five years of such work would be immeasurably the most fruitful years our denomination knew in its State work. Shall not this matter have consideration answering to its great moment?

The limit of time for this report precludes any consideration even of the larger and more interesting questions involved in the wonderful Sunday-school movement, a movement that will mature.

The Sunday-school is not to be considered as a religious mental annex to the church, the Sunday-school is a power.

1.—In the fact that it takes under its influence those who are susceptible.

2.—In the type of social life it produces.

3.—In the superiority of the intellectual life it contemplates.

4.—In that it presents the highest idea of moral education.

5.—In that it assumes the truth of the Word; is not apologetic.

6.—Because it presents truth in its simplest form.

7.—Because it believes in a universal education and in the education; the compulsion of love.

8.—Because it proposes to restore in child-life the connection divine with the human.

To rightly measure this Power, to truly appreciate it, to vigorously use it, is at once the problem and the hope of our age.

A most impressive and suggestive scene was witnessed in Biddeford on a May morning of this present year. In the Catholic church of that city, at one time, three hundred children between the ages of nine and thirteen took their first communion.

Do you wonder at the hold that the Romish church has and keeps over those who come within the circle of its influence. You need wonder no longer, for it makes sure of the mightiest of all agencies, the control of the child-mind.

The Secretary and Committee would offer the following recommendations for the consideration of the Conference, and should it deem wise, for adoption and publication.

*Resolved*, That this Conference would give warm expression to its satisfaction in the wisely managed and rapidly advancing work of our Sunday-school and Publishing Society; would unqualifiedly commend the policy and diligence of its National Secretary, and most earnestly commend the Society to the churches of Maine for their sympathy and liberal support.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the churches to provide for the support of the Sunday-school in the same way as for other regular expenditures, and that collections made in the Sunday-school be devoted to the missionary Sunday-school work and other benevolent operations of our denomination.

*Resolved*, That the Conference thankfully recognize an important advance movement in the New England Congregational Sunday-school Association, and that it pledges this Association its hearty support.

*Resolved*, That the Sunday-school missionary work called for in Maine is one of urgency and great promise, and that practical measures should be taken as soon as possible in this direction.

*Resolved*, That in view of the superior ability and attractiveness of the Pilgrim Series of Lesson Helps, the Conference recommends this series of our own Publishing Society for use in all our Sunday-schools.

All respectfully submitted.

B. P. SNOW, S. S. Secretary.

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### Report on Corresponding Secretary's Annual Communication

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Corresponding Secretary desire to emphasize the remark of the Secretary that, "the most immediately pressing demand is the large development of a spirit of Mutual help among the churches."

There are outlying districts which need to be visited, explored and evangelized; small bands which must have aid in encouraging and encouraging money; and there are prosperous, independent churches which stand in perishing need of the exercise they get in giving such help. The organization of County Conference this end has been well begun, and we recommend that it be put on all over the State. The chief agent for this circulation and infusing process, however, is the Secretary, or more properly, the Superintendent of our Home Missionary Society, as in our Central Western States. And we respectfully suggest to the trustees of the Society, that by some means that officer should be provided with clerical assistance as to leave him leisure for more of this important work. In addition to this, it might be well to appoint an assistant secretary, (or superintendent) to aid in this very work. It is evident that our work among the feeble churches needs an entire re-adjustment. By removals and deaths the numbers of many bands have been diminished, till the membership must be fairly called *nominal*; as in a certain case where there is but one living member of the church, and he lives in another town.

In a few instances, these little flocks are the only organization of the principles of Christ in their respective localities; and we, as Congregational churches in fellowship, are responsible for the low state of morality and religion which we are told prevails in some such sections. With them we must do worthily, through Conference help and Missionary grants of a liberal sort. Such fields,—where Congregationalism is the only organization, we must not tantalize with three months of inexperienced service, but help them to maintain regular ser-

continuous ministry. We must not lose sight of *our policy of prudence*, a particular in which we greatly differ from some other denominations.

When the little handful is but one of several small churches in a town; when one or more of those bands is maintaining regular worship, holding up the Gospel in substance, is it not better to unite those brethren? If the number of our church is very small, and the prospect of the continuance of the other band good, why not make mutual disorganization, members take letters to other churches, sell property and go out of attempted business in a separate corporation. I shall say that forty of our eighty-five vacant churches would not glorify God by this course? It is settled that other denominations are ready to leave the fields where sect crowds sect on narrow ground; let us have the Christian manliness to do so.

In some cases it might be wise to vote to *temporarily* join with others; and so not lose an organization which may become needful in some near day, in the history of the town; but in general we suggest to uphold the church in a vigorous, twelve-months-in-a-year life, and and combine with others.

The list of our churches ought to be cut down to a working basis, and raised in the efficiency of those on the list.

We would also emphasize the Secretary's appeal to the churches for their part in the educational work. What a responsibility is thrown on the admission of almost 700 on confession of faith. Are they to be fed and untrained? Are they to "backslide"—a word we ought to avoid,—and from materials which can only be moved again by some other methods? Or do we believe in the perseverance of saints? Plants taken out of the hot-bed of a revival, transplanted into the cold of the church be chilled by its atmosphere, and neglected by the pastor? And will these be fed, trained, led into active service, developed into efficient men and women in Christ Jesus, who will reap harvests for the Lord in coming years?

We rejoice with the *eight* Conferences that have made so large a net for church membership the past year; with those churches which have been blessed in *especial revival* seasons, and not less with them which have made steady advance in their regular work.

We recognize the *good hand of God* in this, and feel it is a *conspicuous token* of His waiting and readiness to bless His truth in the

churches. We feel, however, the importance of calling attention to the following facts and suggestions:

(1.) That the additions upon *confession* to the churches of the State are regardless of losses, only three and one-fourth for one hundred members for the whole year. We submit that it behooves us, rather than feel a spirit of undue *triumph*, to recognize humiliation *how far* our churches yet are from an "aggressive" church life.

(2.) The report reveals 4582 *absent members*, 126 others have been put on the suspended list by two churches—A large proportion of these rest are practically lost sight of. We believe this a *serious matter* and recommend that at the next General Conference the question of duties under covenant vows to *absent members* be considered. That some person be chosen at this meeting to open this question at that time, having gained by correspondence, all material facts for this purpose.

(3.) In view of the fact we have but 51 pastors, 86 as acting-pastors, in connection with report of last year showing *short term* of pastor's service; we *reiterate that report*, and that this question also receive a full consideration at our next meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. POPE,  
E. C. INGALLS,  
JOHN DINSMORE

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REPORT OF VISITORS  
TO  
Bangor Theological Seminary.

*Mr. Moderator and Brethren:*

The fact is not so fully appreciated among us as it ought to be, that our "School of the Prophets," located in Bangor, sustains a very peculiar and vital relation to the Congregational churches of Maine. Indeed the future prosperity of the cause of Christ, and especially of the churches of our order in this State, is bound up with that of Bangor Seminary, since if we are to have pastors we must supply them.

The report as to its condition and work, therefore, as presented from year to year by your committee of Visitors, ought to receive more than a passing notice by this body, and we bespeak for the interests of that institution your thoughtful and prayerful consideration this year.

Of the fifteen gentlemen selected by last General Conference to visit our Theological School, a majority attended its examinations and anniversary exercises on the second and third days of the present month. We are happy to report ourselves as more than pleased with what we saw and heard. We believe it is not too much to say, that the steady progress in methods and quality of work which has characterized the institution in recent years was more than ever apparent on this occasion.

The examinations of the different classes in the study of the Hebrew Scriptures, showed that remarkably good work has been done in this important branch during the year. The young men exhibited a facility in translation, a thoroughness in grammatical and exegetical knowledge that did great credit to themselves and to their instructors. Prof. Denio is fully abreast of the times in his work, and is clearly the right man in the right place.

The showing in New Testament Greek and Exegesis was not a whit behind that in the Hebrew. Prof. Ropes, in addition to his fine scholarship and keen critical sense, brings to the work a helpful enthusiasm

Trustees into the financial condition. The Treasurer's report brought out the painful fact that this institution of sacred learning, upon which the very life of our churches depends, must have more funds, or be compelled, at no distant day, to close its doors.

The demands of our times necessitate a larger outlay than was required even a very few years ago, while the maturing investment of present funds have to be re-invested, at much lower rates of interest, thus causing a disastrous falling off in the annual income. On this account there has been, this year, and for some years past, a deficit in the expense account of several thousand dollars. This, if suffered to go on, means death. The question for our churches now is, shall we commit suicide by letting our Seminary die? Brethren and Sisters of the Congregational churches of Maine, our own Theological School stretches out her hands to you to-day, and asks for means to enable her to live and work for you and for your children. Turn her not empty away. If you do so, it will be at your own peril. Let one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be forth-coming for her relief, and she will go on, with growing power, in the blessed work of worthily equipping men to hold forth the word of life, from the pulpits of Maine, and wherever else in this sin-cursed world the Master may see fit to call them. She has done this work faithfully and well in the past. She will do it still better in the days to come, if we are alive to our duty in this her hour of need.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

PRESTON B. WING, Chairman.

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Term commences Sept. 10, 1885, fourteen weeks from the Anniversary,—was held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society exercises, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week,

### The Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of the Seminary.

*June 1, 1885, Monday Evening*.—A social gathering at the residence of John S. Sewall, of visitors, alumni, and clergymen; the trustees and professors and friends of the Seminary, together with the Senior class, and ladies. There were cordial greetings, and a delightful re-union.

*June 2, Tuesday Morning, at 9 o'clock, in the Chapel*.—The examinations of the classes were commenced with prayer led by Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland. Professor F. B. Denio, conducted the examination of the Junior class in Hebrew. Illustrations were given in writing and translating on the Blackboard.—10.15 After singing a hymn, the Senior and Middle classes were examined in Testament Exegesis, by Prof. Charles J. H. Ropes. Chapters in Romans for the text for translation and explanation of the grammatical structure and meaning.—2 P. M.—The Junior class was examined in New Testament Exegesis, by Prof. Ropes. 4 P. M.—After singing a Hymn, Professor John S. Sewall, conducted examination of the Senior class in Homiletics.

*Tuesday Evening*.—The Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society was held in Mount St. Church. Mr. Jacob Horton, of the Senior class, President, in the Hymn; prayer by Rev. George A. Putman, of Millbury, Mass; address by William M. Barbour, D. D., of Yale Seminary. Theme.—Conviction in the Future; its place, its value, and its peril.

*Wednesday Morning, June 2, 9.30 A. M.* Prayer.—Rev. George Lewis, of the Visiting Committee of York Conference. Professor Denio, led the examination of the Senior class in Old Testament Exegesis.—10.30. After the singing of the Hymn, Professor Stearns, conducted the examination of the Middle class in Theology. The examination in Church History, which had been studied under the able and brilliant leadership of Professor L. L. Paine, was omitted on account of his absence, by reason of ill health.

1 P. M. Dinner to the Alumni and friends in the chapel. The tables were spread with neatness and taste,—flowers beautiful and fragrant greeting the eye. Rev. William M. Barbour, D. D., of New Haven, presided, and called upon Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, of Newark, N. J. to ask a blessing. After the repast, Dr. Barbour called attention to the intellectual feast, introducing it with a felicitous address of welcome, reminiscences, encouragement and counsel.—With fitting remarks, he introduced the speakers which followed,—Rev. S. P. Fay, of Dorchester, Mass. in behalf of the Trustees; Prof. C. J. H. Ropes, for the faculty; Rev. R. B. Howard, for the class of 1880, who were observing their Quarter-centennial anniversary; Rev. L. H. Hallock, of Portland; Rev. J. F. Stearns, D. D., of New Jersey; Rev. Benjamin A. Robie, of the class '65, of Grafton, Mass; Rev. George J. Lewis, of South Berwick, of the same class; Mr. Joseph W. Strout, in behalf of the graduating class; and Professor John S. Sewall, who also read the Necrology of the year, with a brief reference to each.

**NECROLOGY.**—Jotham Sewall, (1822) Bangor, Dec. 18, 1884, æt 93; Stephen A. Loper, (1826) Hadlyme, Conn., Dec. 12, '84, æt 84; George Brown, (1827) Hudson, Mass., Sept. 24, '84, æt 89; Luther Wiswall, (1836) Windham, March 15, '85, æt 84; John C. Adams, (1837) Falmouth, Jany. 17, '85, æt 74; William S. Sewall, (1838) St. Albans, Sept. 17, '84, æt 77; Robert Stewart, (1846) Grundy Center, Iowa, June 27, '84, æt 70; David F. Potter, (1848) Brunswick, Sept. 17, '84, æt 65; Benjamin T. Sanborn, (1863) Boston, Mass., Jany. 3, '85, æt 51; Solomon G. Foster, (1884) Wilton, Aug. 26, '84, æt 43. See Necrology. pps.—117—122. Reference was also made to the death of some in former years which had not been reported before; ascertained by the recent effort for the new and revised catalogue, Elam S. Ashcroft, (1838) Savannah, Ga. 1860; William B. Worden, (1838) Liverpool, N. Y., May 14, '45; Jeremiah Slingerland, (1845) Neshima, Wla., June 5, '84; Hyman A. Wilder, (1848) Hartford, Conn., Sept. 7, '77; Samuel J. Donnelly, (1862) Washington, D. C. Nov. 15, '68; George William M. Adams, (1868) Wilton, Me., Sept. '68; Henry A. Reynolds, (1881) Bruxton, N. Y., April 7, '83.

Remarks pertaining to the work of the Seminary, its value to Maine, and to what it has accomplished in the past, and what it may yet accomplish, and the relation of individuals and churches to it, to render it the most efficient aid, were forcibly set forth, by Professor John S. Sewall, Mr. John L. Crosby, of the Trustees, Dea. S. D. Thurston, Treasurer; Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, Rev. B. B. Merrill, of Brewer, Rev. P. B. Wing, of Freeport, Dea. G. A. Thatcher, and Rev. G. B. Halsey.

**OFFICERS OF THE ALUMNI ELECTED.**—*President*, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, (1858) of Bangor; *Vice-President*, Rev. Henry A. Freeman, (1878) of Bluehill; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. Nathan H. Harriman, (1884) of Bangor; *Necrologist*, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., (1858) of Bangor; *Executive Committee*, Rev. Darius A. Morehouse, (1868) of Foxcroft; Rev. Charles B. Wathen, (1883) of Orono.

**AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEMINARY.**—Professor Henry L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, was elected as Trustee. Resolutions were adopted in memory of Richard P. Buck, Esq., of New York City, a Trustee of the Seminary, from 1867, \*July 10, '84.

Japan was given by Professor J. S. Sewall, and a discussion on mission work, opened by Messrs. George R. Reed, and Thomas Sherk.... Rev. American Fuller, of the Aintab Mission, Turkey, gave an address April 18; graduating from this Seminary, in 1862, he was cordially welcomed.... At a meeting May 7, '85, Miss Cushman, of the Methodist Mission to China, spoke briefly of mission work in that land. Lecture by E. T. Neely, M. D., of Bangor, in the winter, on Biology.

The semi-annual exhibition of the Rhetorical Society was held in the Seminary Chapel, Friday evening, February 27, 1885. Mr. Jacob Horton, presiding. 1. Prayer by Prof. Lewis F. Stearns. 2. Address by Charles S. Wilder, '87, Florence, Mass., "A Law." 3. Ballad, "Forever and Forever," by F. H. Carver, sung by Miss Annie L. Semple. 4. Address by James Alexander, '85, Hampden, Me., "The Mausoleum of a Great Preacher." 5. Aria,—"But the Lord is mindful of his own," by Mendelssohn, sung by James Lade, '85, Thurso, Can. (Intermission.) 6. Address by Benjamin M. Wright, '86, Greenwich, Conn., "Summering in the Orient." 7. Vocal Duett,— "I live and love thee," by Campana, sung by Miss Annie L. Semple, and Annie H. Sweet. 8. Address by John L. Evans, '85, Minooka, Pa., "The Responsibility of the Christian Citizen." 9. Violin Solo, "Third Air Varie," by Dancla, rendered by Mr. Walter D. Stewart. Miss Nellie A. Sweet, was the accompanist in all the musical selections. Benediction, by Professor L. L. Paine.

A series of valuable articles under the general title of THEOLOGY AND MAN, by Prof. Lewis F. Stearns, have been published in twelve numbers in the Christian Mirror: No. 1, Oct. 25, '84, An Introduction. No. 2, Nov. 8, "What is Theology?" No. 3, Nov. 22, Theology in its relation to the State. No. 4, Dec. 6, To the Law. No. 5, Dec. 20, To Public Morals. No. 6, Jan. 10, '85, To Education. No. 7, Jan. 24, To Literature. No. 8, Feb. 7, To Journalism. No. 9, Feb. 21, To Philosophy. No. 10, March 7, To Natural Science. No. 11, March 21, To Social Problems. No. 12, April 4, To the Signs of the Times.

Professor Francis B. Denio has furnished for the Christian Mirror articles on "the Study of the Hebrew," Dec. 20, '84; Value of the Study of Ancient History, April 18, '85; Recovery of Egyptian Literature, May 9; Popular Religion of Egypt, May 23; The Religion of the Egyptian Priesthood, June 6.

Communications having reference to the Seminary have appeared in the Mirror,—Professor Sewall, Jan. 17, '85; S. D. Thurston, Treasurer, Jan. 31; Rev. J. E. Adams, Feb. 4; "Life sources of the Seminary," referring to Rev. Kiah Bailey and others, by Rufus K. Sewall, Feb. 14; Meeting of Trustees, by Rev. S. H. Hayes, March 7; An appeal from a Committee of the Trustees and Faculty, May 16, Rev. L. H. Hallock, of Portland, June 10.

Reference to Richard P. Buck, Trustee of Seminary from 1867 to his death, July 10, 1884, in Hancock Conference, p. 80; in report of American Bible Society, (of which he was a Manager from 1862, and Vice-President from 1868,) p. 25,—1885.

The church in Auburn, Mass., have placed on the walls of their vestry, a fine portrait of Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., whose first and only pastorate was there. It was then Ward.—"We revere his memory, even as you do at Bangor."

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

### TO VISIT

# BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Two members of the Committee appointed to visit Bowdoin College, Rev. H. L. Griffin, of Bangor, and the Chairman, have visited the College and bring this Report.

The Board of Instruction and Government is full with the students of the \*Presidency and the Chairs of Mental and Moral Philosophy and of Latin which are filled provisionally. The whole number of graduates is one hundred and thirteen, one pursuing special studies, twenty-nine in the Senior class, twenty in the Junior class, and thirty-two in the Sophomore class, and thirty-two in the Freshman class.

#### RELIGION.

The Professors in the Academical department are all professors of religion, and all save one are members of Congregational Churches. They sustain a weekly prayer-meeting. This has been continued for several years and is spoken of as an important means of government of the College. It is believed to have helped to the wise government of the College and to increasing good order among the students.

The Y. M. C. Association which has taken the place of the Bowdoin Circle, holds social meetings once a week, led by the members of the Faculty. The topics are printed and distributed and the meetings have been well attended and interesting. During the Fall and Winter months meetings are held at early eve on Sunday, which are usually attended by members of the Faculty.

There are fifteen active members of the Association, twelve of whom are Church members, and thirty Associate members, four of whom are professedly pious. Thus about seventeen per cent. of the students are professing Christians, and about forty per cent. are associated with the support of religious meetings. The tone of the College is respectful towards religion and there are no students at present known to affect scepticism. There has been no special interest in the College during the year.

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\*These vacancies have been filled since the report was presented.

## MORALITY.

The members of the Faculty say that there have been no indications of drunkenness whatever, but we learn through the students that there have been three instances of drunkenness during the year; yet we are assured that there are only four students out of the whole number who drink at all. The public sentiment is very strongly in favor of total abstinence. We learned also that of the three upper classes, there are only twelve who are habitual smokers, and nearly two-thirds do not smoke at all. This sobriety prepares us to expect what is the fact that there have been no misdemeanors of any kind during the year with one single exception.

In the early part of the year there was a difficulty between the two lower classes which resulted in a case of hazing. The offending parties were tried by a jury of students according to the Articles of Agreement between the Faculty and Students adopted in 1883, and were punished in a manner satisfactory to the Faculty of the College. This punishment was taken seriously and resulted in a more profound respect for law and order among the students, while bitterness between the classes was prevented.

There was peculiar interest in this trial because it was the first exercise of jury powers since these were conceded to the students two years ago, a fact significant of the spirit of order in the College. We incline to agree with one of the Professors who said to us, "I do not believe it would be possible to find anywhere an equal body of young men, drawn from the community without special selection, more free from vice, more industrious, or more orderly, than our students have been during the year."

## SCHOLARSHIP.

At the time of our visit there was no means of knowing definitely the average scholarship of the classes this year as compared with other years, but the opinion was expressed that, on account of the improvement of the course of study by the introduction of certain topics to which many of the students had devoted themselves with great interest, the average scholarship would be somewhat higher than usual.

## ATHLETICS.

Base Ball and boating are practiced, but are not carried to such an extreme as in some other colleges. A gymnasium is needed, and it

is hoped funds for the erection and equipment of one wing in the near future.

#### LIBRARY.

The consolidated libraries contain about 35,000 volumes conveniently arranged in a fine room with ample shelving for books. It is largely used, and will be used much more when the card catalogues are ready which are now in preparation.

Although about 2,000 volumes have been added to this library the last two years, the funds for the purchase of new books are meager. Additions to these funds would be a help to the library. Donations of books also would be very acceptable. The library is a book in our individual libraries for which we have no further need might be made very useful here.

#### ENDOWMENTS.

The funds and tuition fees are made to pay the current expenses of the College. If, however, Bowdoin is to have an efficient faculty and keep its other chairs of instruction filled, and do a future worthy of its work in the past there must be further heavy endowments.

But there is a more immediate and urgent need of large funds. Many of the students who come to this college have a very hard struggle to meet the expenses, the absolute necessities, of college life. Some, many, are constrained to struggle, while others press forward to the ruin of health by the double toil and the extreme self-denials necessary to a youthful mind in humble homes throughout our State, without discipline as will fit him to do best the work that always has been done in the world. These youths need and are eager for help. For the sake of such, our College needs many more funds. Without such help, very few of these eager minds can attain to high learning and discipline. There is an urgency in this matter and there is scarcely any way in which men of wealth can do more good, than by contributing liberally to the benefit of our college.

In conclusion we wish to express the opinion that it is not safe and worthy a college to which to send a young man without a sound foundation. A young man may be ruined in any college or life. But at the present time there are no decided elements

there, while there are decided safe guards in the location, in the weight and moral and religious influence of the Faculty, and in the good moral character and tone of the students. We shall do well to send our sons there, to give of our money there, and to uplift this ancient school to God in our prayers.

And we would suggest further that in the year to come Bowdoin College be borne upon our hearts before God with the unceasing prayer that the channels of religious life there may be filled; the awakening, converting and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit may be there manifested, and that many of those young men may be graciously influenced in their minds and prepared in heart to look forward with eagerness to the Christian ministry. Surely the whiteness of the harvest but the fewness of the laborers, and our crippled work, crippled for lack of men of culture and consecration to preach the word,—this should constrain every praying soul among us to pray unceasingly for the special presence of God's Spirit in this school of learning.

We must not close this report without an allusion to the great loss of the College in the sudden death of Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, Acting President of the College. In this bereavement of the College we are all bereaved. A beautiful life, full of years, and fruitful to the last, it is and always will be an inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to be acquainted with it. The College campus will be fragrant always with his memory.

In behalf of the Committee,

E. A. HARLOW.

Lewiston, June 17, '85.

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## Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

*Incorporated June 24, 1794.*

### FACULTY.

**WILLIAM DEWITT HYDE**, *President*, and Stone Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

—**Collins Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion.**

**CHARLES WILLIAM GODDARD**, A. M., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

**ISRAEL THORNDIKE DANA**, M. D., Prof. of Pathology and Practice of Medicine.

**ALFRED MITCHELL**, A. M., M. D., Professor of Obstetrics, and Diseases of Children.

**STEPHEN HOLMES WEEKS**, M. D., Professor of Surgery.

3. P. M. Address commemorative of the late Professor Alpheus S. Packard, D.D., by Professor Egbert C. Smyth, D. D., of Andover, Mass.

*Evening.*—Vocal and Instrumental Concert, under the auspices of the Senior class, by the following artists.—Miss Rose Stewart, Soprano; Miss Gertrude Edmonds, Contralto; William H. Fessenden, Tenor; Mr. H. C. Barnabee, Basso; Mr. Leopold Liehtenberg, violinist; Mr. Lean Keach, accompanist, and the Salem Cadet Band, W. E. McQuinn, Soloist; Jean M. Missud, Leader.

*Thursday, 9 A. M.* Prayer meeting of Alumni and friends in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

10. 30 A. M. Exercises of the Graduating class, twenty-nine members. Twelve addresses.

2 P. M. The Cadet Band led the Alumni to Memorial Hall, where a banquet had been provided. The Post-prandial speeches followed. Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, D. D., presided, who after a tribute to the memory of Professor Packard, and a reference to the President-elect of the College, introduced Hon. John A. Peters, LL. D., Chief Justice of Maine; afterwards,—Rev. Prof. George L. Prentiss, D. D., and Henry V. Poor, Esq., of the class of 1835; William E. Spear, and Hon. John B. Redman, of the class of 1870;—and others.

Evening, 8.00 to 10. 30. Reception by the Faculty in Memorial Hall.

Friday, 8. 30 A. M., Examination of candidates for admission to the College, at Massachusetts Hall.

Saturday, 8. 30 A. M., Examination continued. The incoming Freshman class promises to be forty or more.

Rev. William DeWitt Hyde, unanimously elected President of the College, and Prof. of Mental and Moral Philosophy. Mr. H., a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, 1875; Harvard College, 1879; studied at Union Seminary 1880 '81, and at Andover Seminary 1882. Two years pastor in Paterson, N. J.

Prof. Charles H. Smith, appointed to deliver lectures before the seniors on public laws and political economy. Prof. John Avery, to perform the duties of the Winckley professorship in Latin.

Five thousand dollars from the permanent fund was voted for a gymnasium, provided a like sum more can be raised by subscription.... Three hundred dollars was appropriated for arranging pictures in the Hall and Chapel, under the direction of Prof. Henry Johnson.... The gift of \$2000, was acknowledged from William G. Means, of Boston, to found scholarships.

The following degrees were conferred,—D. D. upon Rev. Sylvester Burnham; LL. D., Chief Justice John A. Peters, and Associate Justice Charles W. Walton, of Maine; PH. D. James A. Burns, class of 1862.

The class of 1835, held their semi-centennial re-union in Brunswick, commencement week.

Bowdoin Alumni of New York and vicinity held their annual meeting, Jan'y 21, 1885. The College represented by Prof. Henry L. Chapman. Rev. Newman Smyth,



D.D., of New Haven, one of the Vice-Presidents. Reported Portl'd Pre—of Portland and vicinity, Jan. 21. Hon. William L. Putnam, of Portl. Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., LL. D., represented the College. Orr Charles F. Libbey. Poem by H. H. Emery;—of Washington. D.C. as Llewellyn Deane presented a tribute to the memory of Professor Hon. William P. Frye in his address, made an eloquent and affectionate to Prof. P;—of Boston and vicinity, Feb. 18, at Young's Hotel. B Smyth, D. D., President. In his address and those which followed remembrance of Professor Packard. Professors Franklin C. Robinson Johnson, represented the College.

Prof. Leslie A. Lee, spends his vacation on board U. S. Steamers, and fisheries for scientific research. He is also procuring materials for fossil remains in Maine, including shells....Lectured before the Portl. Natural History, in March....Prof. Franklin C. Robinson, has lectured year in various places, on topics in his department,—Chemistry, with in experiments. He was connected with the Harvard Summer School....Prof. Henry Johnson, received the degree of PH. D., from the Berlin, Aug. 5, '84.

The eighty-third Catalogue of the College was issued November 1884 a portrait of its first patron, JOHN BOWDOIN. Twenty-two officers and government. The College is well provided with laboratories, cabinet and art collections. There are eighteen Scholarships, and two bene—the Lawrence fund of \$6000, and the Bangor Seminary fund of Medical School has ten instructors, and 100 Students. Three special are mentioned,—The Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy; Washington Academies.

The Library has received the Diploma of the first graduate of the College in size an imposing piece of parchment.

The March number, (1885) of the Bowdoin Orient was a "Longfellow" containing letters from the leading poets, and educators of the land, and the poet.

The Library has received two interesting relics of Longfellow's early life—the Horace which he used and which abound in autographs and "cribs".

A bust of Longfellow, a gift to the Maine Historical Society, was unveiled in Hall, Portland, Feby. 27, 1885, the anniversary of his birth-day. It is bust recently placed in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey, by the Pri Mr. Gladstone, Tennyson, Matthew Arnold, Jean Ingelow, and others by James P. Baxter, Esq., who presided; poem by Mrs. Francis L. Maynor; addresses by Hon. J. W. Symonds, and Prof. Henry L. Chapman College;—followed by Hon. George F. Talbot, and Hon. Charles F. L. by the Hayden Society, under the direction of Mr. H. Kotschman Portland Press, Feby. 28.

A movement is in progress for placing a memorial window in the remembrance of Prof. Packard.

The day of prayer for Colleges, Feby, 26, '85, was observed. At 11 A. M., a sermon was preached by Rev. Elijah Kellogg, in Memorial Hall. Exercises in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. of the College, and in the churches. All recitations were omitted.

A Club for the discussion of practical subjects, has been formed in the College, meeting fortnightly. Among the topics,—Thanksgiving and Fast Day ; Meeting-Houses ; The Sabbath question ; Temperance, etc.

Gov. Joshua L. Chamberlain returned from Florida, and resumed his Lectures on Political Science and Economy.... "Night on the field of Fredericksburg" by J. L. C. is published in Congl'st Dec. 25, '84, and "Last night of Fredericksburg," March 26, '85. Gen. C. lectured before the Dartmouth Lecture Association.

Prof. J. M. Chapman, of New Hampton, N. H. gave readings before the Bowdoin Literary Association in Memorial Hall, Jany. '85.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON THE**  
**Hallowell Classical School**

The Committee appointed to inquire concerning the condition of the Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy would respectfully state that they have been courteously received by the officers and trustees of the institution. It seems that its funds have not represented the interests of the congregational churches of the State generally. The Conference committees appear to have been entitled to only so much voice in the affairs of said school as its interest or courtesy might invite. Annually the visitors appointed by the Conference from year to year witness the examinations, and observe the bearing of the teachers and pupils; but they have had no authority to control or inspect the financial management, and hence could have little knowledge of it and no responsibility for the corporation, the officials of which could neither appoint nor direct.

The facts before the committee do not show that the emoluments of the school have arisen from any personal appropriations of funds. Its moderate means were mostly invested at the outset in land and buildings for the use of the institution, yielding no income. The contract with Hallowell was apparently unfavorable to the school, and disadvantageous to the city, furnishing the community with a high school for forty scholars with four teachers at a charge of only \$1000 per year, which has been voluntarily supplemented on some occasions by the good will of the municipality. From the first and during its entire existence, the school appears not to have been self sustaining. The result was necessarily a condition of affairs which cannot be considered promising. The Committee does not feel within its province to make any recommendations.

**WILLIAM P. FISHER,**  
**PRENTISS LORING,**  
**JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT**

Action of Conference, p. 21.

# Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy.

*Incorporated February 8. 1872.*

## INSTRUCTORS.

Rev. EDWARD CHASE, A.M., *Principal*, Latin, Greek, Mental and Moral Science.

RICHARD HOCADORFER, *Phil. Cand.*, Assistant Principal, German and French.

MRS. EDWARD CHASE, *Principal of Ladies' Department*, Rhetoric and English Literature.

GERALD LAMB, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

—————, Drawing and Painting.

HON. JAMES H. LEIGH, Hallowell, of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer.

The courses of study are

1. CLASSICAL, four years,—giving ample preparation for the best Colleges.
2. SEMINARY, designed for young ladies not wishing to take a College course.
3. ENGLISH and SCIENTIFIC. An advanced English Course.

Academical year begins Tuesday, August 25, 1885.

The Ladies' Hall looks out upon the Kennebec River, is heated by steam and furnished with bathing rooms, and an abundance of pure spring water.

Young men room in private families, and board at the Ladies' Hall, or find a home in private families.

The School Year consists of three terms—The Fall, twelve weeks; commencing August 25, 1885; the Winter, fourteen weeks; and the Spring, thirteen weeks.—\$135 pays for tuition, board, fuel, rent and light for school year of 39 weeks. \$42.50 for the Fall Term.

A monthly Journal.—“The Classical,” is published by the Pupils.

For Catalogue or information, address the Principal, Hallowell, Maine.

The exercises of the Eleventh Anniversary were held June 21-23, '85.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sunday morning, June 21, by Professor Charles J. H. Ropes, of Bangor Seminary, Luke 2:51. The true dignity of labor, and its blessedness in God's sight. The importance of using privileges enjoyed and powers gained aright.

Anniversary address in the evening, by Rev. Edward Chase, of Hallowell. Theme.—Without moral training a young man's life would eventually be a disastrous failure.

Monday evening,—Concert by the following artists,—Miss Ella M. Chamberlain, and Miss Edith E. Torrey, of Boston; Miss Blanche E. Rogers, Pianist; and Mendelssohn Quartette, of Lewiston.

Tuesday evening,—Graduating exercises in Willson Hall. Prayer, Rev. C. F. Holbrook, of Hallowell. Latin Salutatory; four addresses in the English and Scientific department; three in the Seminary department. Diplomas presented by Rev. Henry V. Emmons.

The Alumni met in the Academy Hall, after the exercises.

In the evening, a reception was given in the Ladies' Hall, by the graduating class.

## Woman's Board of Missions—Maine Br

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 12, 1873.

*President.*—Mrs. William H. Fenn, 39 Deering St., Portland.

*Vice-Presidents.*—Aroostook Conference—Mrs. George B. Page, Houlton.

Cumberland North—Mrs. Horatio Halsey, South Freeport.

Cumberland South—Mrs. William L. Langley, Cumberland Mills.

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Penobscot—Mrs. John S. Sewall, Bangor.

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Union—Mrs. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

Waldo—Mrs. B. P. Field, Belfast.

Washington—Mrs. Warren Hill, Machias.

York—Mrs. Zenas Crowell, Cornish.

*Corresponding Secretaries.*—Miss Sophia Spofford, Rockland; Mrs. Cai Smith, Gorham.

*Home Secretary.*—Miss Jeannie L. Crie, 139 Spring St., Portland.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, 122 High St., Portland.

*Auditor.*—Mr. Edward Gould, Portland.

Twelfth anniversary of State Branch, in Lewiston, June 16, '85. (Page

There are now connected with the Maine Branch, 85 auxiliaries, and seven mission circles. The receipts for the year, were \$3600, from the following—Fifty-seven auxiliaries, \$2,607.81; twenty Mission Circles, \$490.60 churches, \$168.10; seven Sunday-schools, \$98.62; two Mission Boards, \$16 other sources, \$69.87—Total, \$3600.

This sum has been paid to the Woman's Board, Boston, for the support Clara Hamlin, Constantinople Home; Miss Agnes M. Lord, Smyrna; Miss N. Kimball, Van; for schools at Umzumbi, South Africa; Bardisag and Turkey; teachers at Van and Sivas, Turkey; a Scholarship at Ahmadnug the Morning Star Mission; and some aid to the Armenian College, at Turkey.

The twelfth Annual Report is published, 36 pps. 12mo.

The semi-annual meeting was held in High St. church, Auburn, Oct. See page 85.

At a meeting of Woman's Board of Missions in Boston, Jan. 14, 18 William H. Fenn, of Portland, was one of the Vice-Presidents; Miss Je Crie, Home Secretary of the Maine Branch, reported it as working successful Letters from Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, and Miss Emily C. Wheeler. See p.

## Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The Fifth Annual Meeting was held in Lewiston, June 17, 1885. A report of it may be found on page 26.

The work of the Society, list of officers, etc., may be found with the report of the Maine Missionary Society.

## American Missionary Ass'n.....Woman's Aid.

ORGANIZED IN FOXCROFT, JUNE 17, 1880.

The report of the fifth annual meeting of this Auxiliary, at Lewiston, may be found on p. 27.

Receipts for the year, \$1,145.27. Amount by churches and Conferences, reported in Christian Mirror, July 4, 1885; also, Miss Farrington's acknowledgement of \$136.75 received for Student's aid, and \$33. for Bibles and Library Books; thirteen barrels and boxes of clothing, etc., and one sewing machine. And acknowledged by Miss Lunt, \$158.97, and nineteen barrels of clothing. Mrs. J. P. Hubbard's Report in behalf of the Committee is also given.

Miss Anna E. Farrington, 613 Nun St., Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Mary K. Lunt, Green St., Selma, Ala., (P. O. Box 54) are sustained as teachers and missionaries among the Freedmen, by this Auxiliary.

Appeal of Committee—Woman's Aid Auxiliary Ch. Mir., March 18, '85.

Miss A. E. Farrington, was present at the No. Carolina Congregational Association, at Beaufort, Apr. 30, '85, and made an address,

Letter from Miss F., respecting the Woman's Prayer Meeting in Ch. Mir., Aug. 8, '85.

THE COMMITTEE this year.—Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram, (to whom all remittances should be sent); Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Miss Lillie C. Vose, Dennyville. Each have five Conferences.

*Co-operating Committee in Local Conferences.*—Aroostook, Mrs. George B. Page, Houlton; Cumberland, Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham; Cumberland North, Miss Harriet L. Jones, Minot; Franklin, Mrs. F. V. Stewart, Farmington Falls; Hancock, Miss Lucy L. Phelps, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Miss Susan W. Waldron, Augusta; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, Mrs. M. A. Fiske, Bath; Oxford, Mrs. S. B. Twitchell, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Helen M. Quimby, Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Julia L. Mansfield, Dover; Somerset, Miss S. W. Waldron, Augusta; Union, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram; Waldo, Mrs. D. W. Hardy, Searsport; Washington, Miss Lillie C. Vose, Dennyville; York, Mrs. S. W. Ricker, South Berwick.

## Young Men's Christian As

*Object:—Spiritual, Mental, and Moral Impr  
Meetings, Sunday-schools, Social Gatherin  
Evening Classes, Library*

There are thirteen Young Men's Christian As are in Colleges. The total expenditures last year

Any information in regard to their object, o free, on application to F. A. Curtis, Chairman St

## Congregational

*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign  
G. Clark, D. D., Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., Rev. J  
Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward Esq. All to be a  
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.*

*Receipts, from Maine, 1883-4, Donations \$2,37  
Schools \$490.99; Woman's Board \$4,408.32; Tot  
Publications:—Annual Report 25 cts.; Missk  
year; Maps, Concert Exercises, Leaflets, etc.*

*Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass.,*

*Woman's Board of Missions.—Mrs. Albert  
Child, Home Secretary; Miss Emma Carruth,  
Woman," monthly, 60 cents; Mission Day Sp  
\$1.50; 25 copies \$3. Rooms, 1, 2, Congregation  
Maine, \$4,408.32.*

*The American Missionary Association.—Con  
Hubbard, Treasurer, 56 Reade St., New York, c  
Sec'y., No. 21 Congregational House, Boston, .  
Mr. Hubbard, pays for the American Missionary*

*Rev. M. E. Strieby, n, D., 56 Reade street, N  
Powell, D. D., 56 Reade St., N. Y., Assistant Sec  
ton, Secretary for Maine.—Receipts from Maine,*

*Letters for the Woman's Bureau may be addi  
charge, 56 Reade street, New York.*

*The Ladies of Maine have collected \$794.46,  
amount.*

*Annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, Oct. 2*

*American Congregational Association, Congr  
street, Boston, Mass.*

*For information or remittances for the Congreg  
regational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langw  
and Assistant Treasurer, Boston, Mass.*

*Vice-Presidents* for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., Lewiston.

The thirty-second Annual Report is published, 12 pp., 8 vo.; 796 volumes, and 4,108 pamphlets are acknowledged as received during the year, for the Library. Whole number of volumes now in the Library, 81,881; pamphlets, about 130,000.

*The Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society.* Establishes Sunday-schools, supports Sunday-school Missionaries, and supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. Rev. Albert E. Dunning, *Secretary*; M. C. Hazard, *Editor*; Geo. P. Smith, *Agent*, Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Pilgrim Teacher, a magazine for Sunday-school teachers, 60 cts. per year; 55 cts. in clubs; Well-spring, published weekly, 60 cts. per year, or in lots of 20, at 50 cts. per year; Pilgrim Quarterly, 20 cents per year; Pilgrim Quarterly for young scholars, 10 cts., per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper, monthly, 7½ cents; Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper, weekly, 25 cents per year, and several other periodicals. Donated from the Society to Maine, \$52.91, Receipts from Maine, \$292.34.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Biddeford, Member of the Board of Councilors from Maine.

Fifty-third annual report published 1885. Octavo, 25 pps.

Schools organized the past year, 142; pupils in them, 6,799; churches formed from them, 28; churches without services,—revived, 13; schools aided during the year, 1,497; schools aided to organize, 217. Received for missionary work, \$22,264.03; expended for missionary work, \$24,392.30; circulation of Sunday-school Lessons and Papers, 298,000.

*The American College and Education Society.* Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States; and also aids students to the Christian Ministry; Rev. John A. Hamilton, *Cor. Sec'y*; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; Prof. H. L. Chapman, Brunswick, Me., *Treasurer of the Maine Branch*. Report Maine Branch, p. 20.

Receipts from Maine, \$382.03. Eleventh annual Report is published, 60 pps. 8 vo. Appropriation to Students last year, \$22,175.00; to seven Colleges, \$39,534.80.

*EXAMINING COMMITTEE, Bangor Theological Seminary.* Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D.; Rev. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.—*Bowdoin College*. Prof. Charles H. Smith, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, Rev. William P. Fisher.

*The American Congregational Union.*—Rev. William M. Taylor, D. D. LL. D., President; Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Corresponding Secretary; H. O. Pinneo, Treasurer and Recording Secretary, No. 59 Bible House, New York City; Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Vice-President from Maine; Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, of Portland, State Secretary; Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. Maine Missionary Society, aids in communicating with the churches.

Last year's receipts from fifty churches in Maine, \$1,233.85. Maine was aided to the amount of \$1,782.

This Society has aided during the past year in building ninety-one churches in 25 States and Territories, to the amount of \$71,361.07, and nineteen parsonages \$6,345.

The Church Building Quarterly is published at thirty cents a year.



Maine, General Conference.....	Bath.....	1886, June	15
Maryland, in New Jersey Cong'l Asso.....	Wash'n D. C. ....	1886, Apr.	20
Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.....	Westfield.....	1886, June	15
Michigan, General Association.....	Fluit.....	1886, May.	19
Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Association.....	Winona.....	1885, Sept.	15
Mississippi, General Association.....			
Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs.....	Hannibal....	1885, Oct.	13
Montana, not Associated.....	Helena(Terr.) .....		
Nebraska, Congregational Association.....	Beatrice.....	1885, Oct.	28
Nevada, in Gen. Asso. of California.....	Berkeley, Cal ..	1885, Oct.	6
New Hampshire, General Association.....	Nashua.....	1885, Sept.	15
New Jersey, Congregational Association.....	Wash'n D. C. ....	1886, Apr.	20
New Mexico, with Arizona.....	Albuquerque ..	1886, June	19
New York, General Association.....	Pulaski.....	1885, Oct.	20
North Carolina, Conference.....		1886, May	7
Ohio, Congregational Association.....		1886, May	13
Oregon and Washington Ter. Cong'l Asso....	Salem, Or.....	1886, June	17
Pennsylvania churches connected with New York,.....			
Ohio or New Jersey Association.....			
Pennsylvania Western, Welsh Asso.....	Pittsburg....	1885, Sept.	12
Pennsylvania Eastern, Welsh Asso.....	Pittston.....	1885, Sept.	18
Rhode Island, Congregational Conference.....	Providence.....	1886, June	8
South Carolina, in Georgia Cong'l Asso....	Atlanta, Ga ...	1886, Nov.	12
Tennessee, Central South Conference.....	Little Rock, Ark	1885, Nov.	5
Texas South West, Cong'l Association.....			
Texas North, Cong'l Association.....	Dallas.....	1885, Oct.	22
Utah, Association.....	Salt Lake City.	1885, Nov.	27
Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs. & Chs..	West Randolph.	1886, June	8
Virginia, in Cong'l. Association New Jersey....	Wash'n, D. C....	1886, Apr.	20
Virginia West, in Ohio Cong'l Association.....		1886, May	13
Washington Territory, Congregational Asso.....	Whatcam.....	1885, Aug.	20
Wisconsin, Cong'l. and Presb. Convention.....	Watertown.....	1885, Sept.	29
Wyoming, with Colorado Association.....	Cheyenne.....	1885, Oct.	8

Congregational Union of England and Wales, London, Eng., 1886, May 10—14.

Autumnal meeting, October 5-9, 1885, at Henley, Staffordshire, Eng.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at Chebogue, N. S.  
1885, July 4.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at Ottawa City, Ont., 1886, June 10.

See note p. 19.

## Average Ministerial Age.


The average ministerial age of the 179 ordained ministers now in the State is 19 years; of 42 who have no pastoral charge, 83 years; of the others, 51 pastors 14 years; 86 acting-pastors, 16 years. Total 179.

## Receivers and Reporters in Maine.

*Arroostook Conference*—Rev. George W. Stearns, Patten. *Cumberland*—Rev. E. E. Bacon, Saccarappa. *Cumberland North*—Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Yarmouth. *Franklin*—Rev. C. H. Pope, Farmington. *Hancock*—Charles L. Skinner, West Brooksville. *Kennebec*—Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. F. V. Norcross, Union. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, Bethel. *Penobscot*—Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor. *Piscataquis*—Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson. *Somerset*—Hon. A. R. Bixby, Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. William B. Hague, South Bridgton. *Waldo*—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. *Washington*—Rev. Geo. E. Chapin, Princeton. *York*—Rev. Charles E. Andrews, Biddeford.

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## Returns of the Churches.

The return of the churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the week following.  Begin in April to gather the material.

The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. Write to any church after the first week in May has past, that may not have reported, and repeat if necessary, until answer is received.

(See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

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## To the Pastors and Officers of the Churches

The value of the Reports and Papers in the Minutes depends upon their being considered by all the members of our Churches. Will you please see that the most practical parts of them are read to your congregation, and made the subject of discussion and prayer?

**NOTICE.**—The copy of the Minutes of the General Conference, and Report of the Maine Missionary Society, directed to each church, to be placed with the records of the church, for preservation and reference.

Extra copies of the Minutes and Report will be furnished for thirty cents. Orders may be sent to E. F. Duren, Chairman of the Publishing Committee, 201 Hammond St., Bangor, Me.

## Depositories of the Auxiliaries of the American Bible Society.

Maine Bible Society.....Bailey and Noyes, 56 Exchange St.....Portland.  
 Kennebec County B. S.....C. E. Hunt.....Augusta.  
 Washington County B. S.....Peter E. Vose.....Dennysville.

The last report gives the number of copies of the Scriptures printed at the Bible House, New York, for the year,—822,567; printed abroad, 397,660; imported from abroad, 4,326; purchased abroad, 96,329—Total, 1,320,882; sent to Maine 7,244; of which, Donated 1,125. Receipts from Maine, Donations,—\$259,59; for Bibles and Testaments, \$1,150.78.

Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, is Vice-President from Maine.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 27, 1884.

State Fast, April 23, 1885.

The Constitution and Rules of the General Conference of Maine, may be found on pps. 199, 200. Minutes, 1884.

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## Memoranda.

P. 54. The (2) against Vassalboro refers to Riverside; the (3) against Waterville, refers to Vassalboro, Adam's Memorial Church.

P. 79. Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D.D., was dismissed by Council from Plymouth Church, Portland, June 25, 1884.—Records, Minutes 1884, p. 72.

Page 126. Fourteenth line—for Theology, read Philosophy.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH

Annual Report of the Trustees

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

*ANNUAL MEETING AT LEWISTON,*

**JUNE 17, 1885.**

# MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steel, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a Society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland, in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

(Approved Jan. 27, 1871.)

## CONSTITUTION

*As revised and adopted*

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be a  
SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to glorify God our Saviour, and to send the gospel to the destitute of the public and stated means.

ART. III. This Society believe, and hold those doctrines which are called the doctrinal and peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, as set forth in the Westminister Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be a Missionary Society, on the conditions and regulations of the Constitution, with the name and title of Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually by the Society shall constitute a member of the Society. No person who has not paid not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, besides such other officers as may be deemed necessary. The President, who shall be ex-officio a member of the Society, shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting; the Secretaries and Auditors for one year; the Trustees in three ranks of five each, for three years, two years, and one year respectively, and thereafter five shall be chosen annually, one of whom, at least, shall be chosen from the Board the previous year. When a member resigns or dies, the place shall be filled for the unexpired term. Seven of the Trustees shall be chosen from the members of the Society.

ART. VII. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall report annually the amount of the permanent fund of the Society, and how invested. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the third Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to co-operate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary, with the Treasurer, shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed, when advised by the Trustees.

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AID.

The Congregational Church in ———, hereby applies to the Trust of the Maine Missionary Society, for aid for the year ending June 188—, and gives the following answers to the proposed questions:

1. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all resident members of the church, as found on last town valuation?
2. What is the amount of taxable property belonging to all members of the Society except the members of the church?
3. What is the name of the minister for whom a commission desired?
4. Are his services sought for the whole, or a part of the time?
5. What amount of salary do you propose to pay him?
6. Does your Society own a parsonage? If so, what rent charged? Is it reckoned in amount of salary?
7. How much fund, or other property, has the Society? What the annual income?
8. What proportion of the salary is pledged by the people?
9. Is aid expected from any other source than this Society? If much?
10. What is the least amount of aid needed from this Society the year ending June 1, 188—?

NOTICE.—A certificate of the minister that previous pledges by the people for his support have been redeemed, is required.

The Trustees of this Society cannot think that any church will be willing to ask renewed aid till it has met fully all past obligations to its pastor.

It is expected of churches, that they will pay for the support of preaching at least *one per cent.* on their *taxable property* before asking aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

A special rule adopted by the Trustees, requires that each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society make, while the assistance granted, an *annual contribution*.

This application should be made by a committee of the church and decided. It will save expense and delay to answer every particular. Do not mark anyone "*as heretofore*," &c. It does not answer a question.

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### FORM OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PASTORS OF AIDED CHURCHES.

DEAR BROTHER:

It is desired that those who are commissioned to perform ministerial service for the churches aided by the Maine Mission



Society, present to the Secretary of the Society reports for the quarters ending Aug. 31, Nov. 30, and Feb. 28, and that the reports be sent in promptly at these dates. May 7, an annual report will be due.

And in order that the Trustees and the Secretary may be furnished with such information as they need for the proper discharge of their duties, it is requested that these reports be made by filling the following form :

*To the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society :*

Please receive herewith my report of labor at——, for the quarter ending——, 188—, and send an order to the Treasurer for so much as is due me from the Society at this date.

(Signed) — — —

QUESTIONS.

1. How many weeks of missionary labor are embraced in this report?
2. How many pastoral visits have been made?
3. Has a weekly prayer meeting been maintained?
4. What has been the average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting?
5. In how many neighborhoods have religious meetings been held?
6. For what charitable objects have offerings been made; and how much has been given for each?
7. Has a monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world been observed?
8. How many have attended the Sabbath School?
9. What else has occurred worthy of notice, relating to such matters as—the attendance at meetings,—the religious visitation of families,—the distribution of religious reading,—temperance,—cases of religious interest,—conversions,—additions by profession,—discipline,—efforts to benefit those who do not attend public worship,—obstacles, encouragements?

NOTE.—Attention is called to the following rule, adopted by the Trustees at their annual meeting, 1867: Each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society, will be required to make, while this assistance is continued, an annual contribution to its funds. It is desirable also that each church take a contribution for the A. M. A. and for the A. B. C. F. M. Also notice this standing rule.

The Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Society quarterly, shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those who report semi-annually, shall be entitled to semi-annual drafts. Those who

fail to render an annual report on or before the first of June, shall be considered as having *forfeited their claim to their last quarterly 'payment*, unless sufficient excuse be rendered.

### FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

*Annual Report of the Church and Society in———made to  
Maine Missionary Society, for the year ending May 7, 188*

1. The number of church members is, male—; female—; total—
2. The additions to the church during the year ending May 7,  
by profession—; letter—; total—.
3. The number of hopeful conversions, is—
4. The number of families ordinarily represented in the congregation is—
5. The average number of the Sabbath congregation, is—
6. The number attending week-day prayer meeting, is—
7. The number in the Sabbath School, as pupils, young and old,
8. The amount of contributions to the Maine Missionary Society is \$—
9. The amount contributed to all other religious charities, is \$—
10. The cash salary of the minister, is—
11. Has he use of parsonage? If so, at what estimated rent?
12. Is the salary punctually paid?
13. The amount of permanent fund, if any, is—

NOTE.—Make a careful statement of all the above facts, and render promptly; and upon this report the usual order for payment will be drawn.

### NOTICES.

Any correspondence relating to the general interest of the Society may be directed to Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, P. O. Box 464, Bangor, Me.

Remittances of money, and communications relating to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to John L. Crosby, Esq., Treasurer, P. O. Box, 1528, Bangor, Me.

Aid Societies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, should forward their collections to Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, Treasurer, Bangor, Me.

Application for aid should be made by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. It is very desirable that the ministerial

should correspond with the year of the Missionary Society, which is June 1st, so that all applications for renewal of aid may be ready for the action of the Trustees at their annual meeting, held on the third Wednesday of June, each year.

Committees of churches are requested to report every particular mentioned in the form of application, as failure to answer any one of the particulars may cause inconvenience, expense and delay. Do not put against any number,—“Nothing different from past year,” etc. State present facts positively.

The Trustees will not be expected to continue aid where pecuniary liabilities to the pastor are not promptly discharged. It is suggested that weekly or monthly collections at a regular Sabbath service, of the previously pledged subscriptions for the support of preaching, will insure the best results for all concerned.

No church should fail of a generous contribution to the Maine Missionary Society in any year.

Let annual reports be not mere statistics, but a concise review of the year, embracing all important *facts*.

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*Form of a Bequest to the Maine Missionary Society.*

I give to the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY the sum of— — — dollars for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Some legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name, or by neglect of making a formal bequest.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the Pine street church, Lewiston, at 9 o'clock A. M., June 17, 1885.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., was in the chair and conducted the devotional exercises. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. O. W. Folsom, of Bath. Text: 1 Cor. 3: 9, 1st clause.

The Treasurer, J. L. Crosby, Esq., read his report, and it was voted to accept and print.

The Secretary presented the report of the Trustees, and it was supplemented by the reports of General Missionaries, Walbridge and Harlow. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. A. F. Skeele, and seconded by Rev.

W. B. Hague, and it was voted to accept and print as usual Messrs. Skeele, Hague, Thayer, Christie, Westwood, and Mallow with earnest and telling remarks.

A contribution was taken amounting to \$65.36, when it was proceeded to business, after the benediction by the venerable T. Hawes.

### BUSINESS MEETING.

It was voted to extend the thanks of the Society to the preacher O. W. Folsom, for his excellent gospel sermon.

Two committees were appointed, Rev. J. K. Mason, D. C. H. Daniels, and Dea. S. D. Thurston, a committee of nominations, and Rev. H. C. Westwood, D. D., and Rev. F. T. a committee for receiving and counting votes at the election of officers.

The following choices were made, viz :

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., President.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Vice-President.

REV. H. S. HUNTINGTON.

E. R. BURPEE, Esq.,

W. P. HUBBARD, Esq.,

REV. B. P. SNOW,

REV. H. L. HALLOCK,

TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. E. Adams, Corresponding and Recording Secretary;  
J. L. Crosby, Esq., Treasurer.

Dea. W. S. Dennett,

B. B. Thatcher, Esq.,

AUDITORS FOR THREE YEARS.

The committee on place and preacher for the next year were to report as to place. It has since been decided for the Central Bath. The time is fixed for the third Wednesday of June, 1881. First preacher, Rev. H. C. Westwood, D. D., Auburn. Alternate, Rev. G. W. Christie, Presque Isle.

Adjourned.

Attest :

J. E. ADAMS,  
Recording Sec

# man's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

Organized at Foxcroft, June 17, 1880

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## OFFICERS.

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### PRESIDENT,

Mrs. W. E. GOULD, Portland.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

took,	Mrs. G. W. Christie,	Presque Isle.
erland,	Mrs. Chas. A. Nash,	Woodfords.
erland North,	Miss Celia Valentine,	New Gloucester.
lin,	Mrs. C. H. Pope,	Farmington.
ock,	Mrs. G. G. Powers,	Orland.
ebec,	Mrs. E. N. Smith,	Waterville.
ln and Sagadahoc,	Mrs. H. O. Thayer,	Woolwich.
d,	Mrs. J. G. Wilson,	South Paris.
aquis,	Mrs. D. A. Morehouse,	Foxcroft.
scot,	Mrs. A. J. Bates,	Brewer.
aset,	Mrs. C. A. Dole,	Norridgewock.
,	Mrs. J. P. Hubbard,	Hiram.
o,	Mrs. J. H. Noyes,	Belfast.
ington,	Mrs. Wm. P. Paine,	Eastport.
	Mrs. Geo. Lewis,	So. Berwick.

### TREASURER,

Mrs. ROSE M. CROSBY, Bangor.

### SECRETARY,

Mrs. L. L. PAINE. Bangor.

object of this Society is to arouse deeper interest among the  
es in the work of the Maine Missionary Society, and to collect  
for its aid.

## CONSTITUTION FOR S.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be a Missionary Auxiliary.

ART. 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be chosen at the annual meeting.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Society to visit the congregational churches in the State, to form new churches, and to raise money for the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 4. All funds collected, shall be deposited in the Maine Missionary Society, as often as ordered by the Society.

ART. 5. The Society shall hold its annual meeting once a year, of officers, and the transaction of other business. The time and place of the meeting of the Maine General Conference shall be designated by the Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION FOR CH.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Maine Missionary Aid Society of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be chosen at the annual meeting, and to act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be to aid the Maine Missionary Society, and to engage in the work of that Society.

ART. 4. All money raised by this Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Auxiliary, and the disbursement shall be made by the Treasurer.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of this Society by an annual payment of —, or the monthly payment of —, and the raising funds to be left to the discretion of the Society.

# SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society.

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The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society submit the following as their seventy-eighth annual report.

God has been very merciful during the whole year. Only one of those who began the year in the service of the Society, has been removed by death. Mr. Solomon G. Foster graduated at Bangor in June, 1884, and began work at once with the second church in York. After two months of very satisfactory labor, and just as the people were ready to settle him as their pastor, he was suddenly called to the "better home."

Several who had been connected with the Missionary churches for a longer or shorter time during their ministry, have finished their course here since June, 1884. We record the names of Rev. John C. Adams, Rev. George Brown, Rev. Stephen A. Loper, Rev. Samuel Potter, Rev. B. S. Sanborn, Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, Rev. W. S. Spaulding, and Rev. Luther Wiswall. Most of these served many years in the ministry, were faithful in duty, and successful in their efforts to win souls. Again we are reminded that the years are passing, that we may be arrested in the midst of service, and that the wheels of time will surely bring us to the end of our earthly career.

# STATIST

No.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Congregation.	Conversions.
1	Abbot.....	Geo. B. Hescock...	40	0
2	Acton.....	Rev W.S. Thompson	60	0
3	Albany.....	C. W. Preston.....	50	0
4	Amherst & Aurora	W. F. English.....	70	0
5	Andover.....	Rev. Chas. Dame..	100	0
6	Bangor, Central Dist	Chas. Harbutt ....	75	0
7	Bangor, East and Essex Street. ....	J. L. Evans.....	50	0
8	Belfast, North.....	J. E. Aikins.....	53	0
9	Bingham and ..... Solon.....	Rev. J. A. Ross....	75	0
10	Brooksville, West..	R. J. Kyle.....	35	0
11	Brownfield and.... Denmark.....	Rev. T. F. Millett..	78	0
12	Burlington.....	Chas. L. Skinner..	65	0
13	Buxton, North.....	Rev. E. S. Jordan..	100	0
14	Canaan.....	Rev. S. W. Chapin	56	0
15	Cornish.....	Rev. E. S. Palmer..	110	0
16	Dedham.....	W. G. Poor.....	125	2
17	Deer Isle, North..	Rev. L. Crowell....	65	0
18	Dexter.....	Wm. Creelman.....	50	1
19	Durham and..... Pownal.....	Rev. C. H. Gates..	45	0
20	Eastport.....	J. W. Strout.....	90	0
21	Edgecomb.....	Rev. R. Wickett....	60	0
22	Eliot.....	Rev. E. H. Jenkyns	60	0
23	Ellsworth, North..	Rev. C. G. Holyoke	80	0
24	Farmington Falls..	Rev. D. S. Hibbard	80	0
25	Fort Fairfield.....	Jas. Lade.....	80	3
26	Freedom.....	Salem D. Towne....	50	0
27	Gardiner, South...	Rev. J. L. Hill.....	100	0
28	Garland.....	Rev. E. P. Eastman	80	0
29	Gilead.....	Rev. W. C. Jones..	75	1
30	Gray.....	Rev. R. P. Gardner	60	0
31	Greenville.....	Rev. Fred Newport	110	0
32	Harpwell.....	Rev. P. B. Thayer..	90	0
33	Harrison.....	Rev. A. L. Gridley	70	1
34	Hiram.....	Rev. E. Bean.....	60	0
35	Holden.....	Rev. C. Davison....	80	0
36	Houlton.....	Rev. J. Dinsmore..	60	0
37	Isle au Haut.....	Rev. N. Lincoln....	80	0
		H. E. Morrow.....	60	0
		S. D. Towne.....	80	0
		C. S. Wilder.....	45	0
		Rev. W. Haynes....	80	0
		B. M. Wright.....	45	0



## Continued.

Churches.	Missionaries.	Congregation.	Conversions.	Added		Membership.			Families.	Prayer-Meeting.	Sunday-school.	Contributions.	
				Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.				Maine Missionary Society.	Other Objects.
on and Brooks	M. S. Hemenway...	120	0	0	0	24	37	61	50	24	90	6 00	.....
	R. C. Drisko.....												.....
boro and	W. Joseph.....	50				7	10	17		23	25		.....
itneyville.						12	19	31	25	35	55		.....
y.....	Rev. W. W. Dow...	45	1	0	0	5	19	24	31	6	30	10 00	10 00
ick	C. A. Wight.....	125	0	0	0	19	35	54	44	15	45	20 00	12 00
	G. A. Hatch.....												.....
gton and.	Rev. E. T. Pitts...	101	0	0	3	45	88	133	50	35	98	22 32	30 00
dwin.....	Rev. D. S. Hibbard.	31	0	15	0	16	30	52	25	0	40		.....
ln.....	Edgar L. Warren...	70	0	0	0	6	17	23	30	0	60		.....
	B. M. Wright.....											1 50	.....
field.....	Rev. J. T. Hawes...	60	0	0	0	21	35	50	30	12	60	20 00	48 00
n.....	Rev. R. Wickett...	90	0	3	2	24	58	82	40	12	88	7 36	.....
iasport.	E. D. Harp.....	100				25	33	58	25	25	40		.....
on and	Rev. J. B. Hawes...	140	3	9	0	33	47	80	60	12	125	25 00	20 00
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eld and	Tristram Hersey...										25		.....
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ot West.		50	9	13	0	7	23	30	20	25	52		.....
ay.....	W. H. McBride....	60	3			No	Ch			13	29		.....
outh.....	Rev. R. M. Peacock.	75	6	2	0	20	43	63	60	25	55	13 00	.....
rd.....	Rev. H. A. Freeman	50	15	10	3	2	11	13	28	40	50	3 55	3 50
on.....	Rev. W. G. Mann...	113	34	16	14	50	67	117	65	40	140	7 84	12 54
is.....	W. H. Medlar.....	55				5	17	22		10	65	10 00	.....
eld West	A. T. Perry.....	50				13	17	30	38	10	45	26 26	.....
Vineyard and	J. Pierpont.....	80				9	10	19	12	15	45		.....
New Portland		75				3	7	10	8	10	50	4 00	.....
field.....	A. H. Bears.....	50	7			6	14	20	24		32		.....
d.....	C. D. Greeley.....	45	0	0	0	12	29	41	25	9	50	7 00	.....
	Rev. H. V. Emmons												.....
and.....	Rev. G. W. Stearns	50	0	0	2	16	31	47	30	12	78	12 15	8 90
nd Falls		85	1	1	1	17	25	45	20	15	55	12 00	7 00
roke.....	S. H. Woodman.....	121	2			5	10	15	24	25	50	13 14	.....
ps.....	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	80	4	0	0	10	19	29	30	10	60	9 00	5 00
nd, 4th....	Rev. J. G. Wilson...	50	3	2	1	3	11	14	25	15	60	10 00	5 00
ston and...	Rev. G. E. Chapin..	70	0	2	0	23	35	58	40	25	70		43 00
sfield.....		60	0	0	0	3	8	11	40	8	40		.....
ue Isle.....	Rev. G. W. Christie	150	2	4	1	9	26	35	40	16	85	20 00	19 00
nston and ..	G. R. Freeman.....	100	0	1	0	18	40	58	50	14	50		.....
Beach.....	Rev. H. F. Harding	90	0	0	0	3	23	26			75		.....
ord.....	Rev. J. A. Jones....	60	0	0	0	5	20	25	16	10	30	7 00	5 00
point.....	Rev. D. W. Hardy..	60	0	0	0	20	40	66	35	15	40	10 00	.....
rd.....	F. T. Rouse.....	100				12	26	38	40	18	55	6 00	.....

## Continued.

No.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Congregation.	Conversions.	Added		Membership.		Families.	Prayer-meetings.	Sunday-school.	Maine Mission- ary Society.	Catholics.
					Profession.	Letter.	Male.	Female.					
70	Sherman.....	Rev. I. C. Bumpus..	100	3	3	1	40	71	111	37	20	90	14 00
71	Standish.....	Rev. R. S. Whidden	80	2	2	2	11	40	51	60	40	60	15 50
72	Stow and Chatham.	Rev. Henry Farrar..	38	12	0	0	14	21	35	25	9	19	.....
73	Strong.....	O. H. Tracy.....	100	5	0	0	34	38	72	56	20	70	5 35
74	Sumner East.....	Rev. Gilman Rice...	60	2	2	0	25	42	67	25	15	35	6 00
75	Tremont.....	Rev. Amos Redlon..	120	3	0	2	11	52	63	89	...	185	13 00
76	Turner.....	Rev. R. H. McGown..	75	3	2	0	36	53	80	30	...	90	28 25
77	Union.....	Rev. F. V. Norcross	85	0	0	1	17	57	74	55	35	95	16 00
78	Vassalboro.....	Fred G. Chutter....	90	0	3	7	16	30	46	57	25	60	11 00
	Adams' Mem.....	E. L. Warren.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	Vassalboro.....	Rev. H. F. Harding.	60	1	0	0	1	14	15	60	10	50	.....
	Riverside.....	A. H. Bears.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
80	Waterford North...	Rev. Chas. A. Perry	...	...	...	...	12	34	46	40	...	45	6 75
81	Whiting.....	M. C. McKnight.....	90	...	...	...	5	19	24	29	15	40	.....
82	Wilton and Temple.	Rev. A. G. Fitz....	75	0	1	4	27	57	84	30	15	70	.....
83	Winslow and Benton	Rev. T. P. Williams	50	0	0	0	22	38	60	37	...	35	7 22
	Woolwich.....	Rev. H. O. Thayer..	70	0	1	0	11	34	45	30	20	50	16 52
84	York 2nd.....	S. P. Foster.....	114	0	1	21	71	92	53	23	96	...	13 15
85			75	0	0	0	7	31	38	...	...	...	...

Congregation, 7,155; Conversions, 252; added by Profession, 193 Letter, 61; membership, Males, 1,403; Females, 3,035; Total, 4,438; Families, 3,339; Prayer-meetings, 1,532; Sunday-schools, 5,657; contributions, Maine Missionary Society, \$906.24; Other Objects, \$1,051.11.

## aid for Pastoral Supply from June 1, 1884, to June 1, 1885.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
on	Rev. W. S. Thompson	\$112 50	9 mos.
over	Rev. Chas. Dame	100 00	12 "
ham and Solon	Rev. T. F. Millett	200 00	8 "
kerville, West	C. L. Skinner	83 33	5 "
rnfield and Denmark	Rev. E. S. Jordan	200 00	12 "
ington	Rev. S. W. Chapin	250 00	12 "
on, North	Rev. E. S. Palmer	200 00	12 "
ish	Rev. L. Crowell	200 00	12 "
Isle, North	Rev. C. H. Gates	187 50	12 "
am with Pownal	Rev. R. Wickett	59 00	7 "
port	Rev. E. H. Jenkyns	200 00	12 "
comb	Rev. C. G. Holyoke	200 00	12 "
t	Rev. D. S. Hibbard	75 00	6 "
	Jas. Lade	25 00	2 "
ington Falls	Rev. J. L. Hill	81 25	10 "
	Rev. J. W. H. Baker	19 75	2 "
Fairfield	Rev. E. P. Eastman	333 33	10 "
	N. A. McAulay	17 00	1 "
dom	Rev. C. W. Jones	167 00	10 "
	Rev. R. P. Gardner	32 00	2 "
liner, South	Rev. F. Newport	100 00	6 "
	Rev. E. Bean	125 00	12 "
and	Rev. P. B. Thayer	200 00	12 "
id	Rev. A. L. Gridley	150 00	12 "
nville	Rev. Chas. Davison	100 00	7 "
swell	Rev. John Dinsmore	200 00	12 "
ison	Rev. N. Lincoln	100 00	12 "
ry	Rev. W. W. Dow	150 00	12 "
rick	G. A. Hatch	145 00	8 "
ngton with	Rev. E. T. Pitts	56 25	3 "
win	Rev. D. S. Hibbard	100 00	6 "
ifield	Rev. J. T. Hawes	150 00	12 "
an	Rev. R. Wickett	41 00	5 "
anic Falls with	Rev. C. A. White	300 00	12 "
nd and W. Minot			
ord	Rev. H. A. Freeman	179 17	10 1/2 "
mouth	Rev. R. M. Peacock	100 00	12 "
on	Rev. W. G. Mann	150 00	12 "
rd	Rev. H. V. Emmons	100 00	6 "
on with Island Falls	Rev. G. W. Stearns	300 00	12 "
ips	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	140 00	6 "
and, 4th	Rev. J. G. Wilson	200 00	12 "
eton with Topfield	Rev. G. E. Chapin	200 00	12 "
ue Isle	Rev. G. W. Christie	500 00	12 "
lston and Red Beach	Rev. H. F. Harding	225 00	8 "
ypoint	Rev. D. W. Hardy	101 00	12 "
nan &c.	Rev. I. C. Bumpus	300 00	12 "
lish	Rev. R. S. Whidden	200 00	12 "
and Chatham	Rev. H. Farrar	93 75	12 "
g	O. H. Tracy	129 00	9 "
ier, East	Rev. G. Rice	100 00	12 "
ont	Rev. A. Redlon	200 00	12 "
er	Rev. R. H. McGown	150 00	12 "
n	Rev. F. V. Norcross	200 00	12 "

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
49 Wilton with Temple	Rev. A. G. F.
	Rev. Fred Ne
50 Winslow with Benton	Rev. T. P. W
51 Woolwich	Rev. H. O. T

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**Paid for Supply from June 1,**

CHURCHES.	MEN.
1 Abbot	Geo. B. Hesc
2 Albany	C. W. Presto
3 Amherst and Aurora	W. F. Englis
4 Bangor, Central District	Chas. Harbu
5 Bangor, East and Essex St.	J. L. Evans
6 Belfast, North	J. E. Aikins
	Rev. J. A. R
7 Bingham and Solon	R. J. Kyle
8 Canaan	W. G. Poor
9 Dedham	Wm. Creelm
10 Dexter	J. W. Strout
11 Ellsworth, North	S. D. Towne
12 Gardiner, South	Jacob Horto
13 Hiram	H. E. Morro
14 Holden	C. S. Wilder
15 Houlton	Rev. Wm. H
16 Isle au Haut	B. M. Wrigl
17 Jackson and Brooks	M. S. Hemen
	R. C. Drisko
18 Jonesboro & Whitneyville	W. Joseph
19 Limerick	C. A. Wight
20 Lincoln	E. L. Warre
	B. M. Wrigl
21 Machiasport	E. D. Harp
22 Madison and North Anson	Rev. J. B. I
	Students
23 Magalloway	Jas. Lade
24 Mayfield & Brighton	Tristram He
25 Medway	W. H. McBl
26 Naples & Edes Falls	W. H. Medl
27 Newfield, West	A. T. Perry
28 New Vineyard and No. New Portland	J. Pierpont
29 Northfield	A. H. Bears
30 Oxford	C. D. Greele
	C. L. skinn
31 Pembroke	S. Woodrow
32 Robbinston	G. R. Freem
33 Rumford	Rev. J. D. J
34 Sanford	F. T. Rouse
35 Vassalboro	F. G. Chutte
36 Adams' Memorial	E. L. Warre
37 Vassalboro Riverside	Rev. H. F. I
	A. H. Bears

CHURCHES.	MEN.	AMOUNT.	TIME.
38 Waterford, North	Rev. C. A. Perry	\$48 00	3½ mos
39 Whiting	M. C. McKnight	64 00	4 "
40 York, 2nd.	S. G. Foster	32 00	2 "
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		\$3,210 78	

**General Missionary Work, from June 1, 1884, to June 1, 1885.**

In eight Counties	Rev. E. A. Harlow	\$667 14	9 mos.
In Washington County	Rev. E. L. Walbridge	506 85	12 "
In Pownal	Rev. J. E. Pond	25 00	1½ "
In Oxford County	John A. Thomas	86 25	4 "
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		\$1375 24	

**Whole Cost to the Society for Missionary Service for the Year ending June 1, 1885.**

To Pastors.....	\$8,767 33
To Supplies.....	3,210 78
To General Work.....	1375 24
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	\$13,353 35

**SUMMARY.**

The work performed under the direction aid of the Society may be analyzed thus:

Eighty-five fields have been occupied, three less than last year. A field may be one or more churches, or stations, as the pastor is able to occupy. Ninety-three churches were aided directly, and six independent stations were supplied. During the year, ninety-seven men have been under commission. Fifty-seven are ordained ministers, eight pastors and forty-nine acting pastors. Three of these are on the list as doing general missionary work. Forty licentiates were employed either in vacation service, or term time supply. Some speak slightly of our student work; but the result of this seminary acquaintance with the people and churches has secured for immediate pastoral work in the State, almost the entire class just graduated from Bangor.

The whole amount of service is equal to sixty-two and one-half years. As reported, an average of 7,155 have been on attendance upon Sabbath worship; 5,657 have been found in the Sunday schools; 1,532 in the Prayer meeting, and 3,339 families have been reached, 200 more than last reported. These churches now return a membership of 1,403 males and 3,035 females, a total of 4,438.

The annual returns mention 252 hopeful conversions, 193 on profession of faith and 61 by letter, a total increase of 25; average grant for pastoral work is \$180 and the average salary being an advance of fifteen dollars upon the previous year.

The churches have contributed to the Maine Missionary \$906.24, and to all other benevolent objects, \$1,051.11.

A parsonage has been built at Jonesport, and funds in part subscribed and collected for a minister's home, at Presque Isle.

The houses of worship at North Anson, Cherryfield, and Mill approaching completion, and others have been repaired and b It is a pleasure to speak of decided spiritual interest in many d and the foreshadowing of better things for the near future.

### THE TREASURY.

The Receipts from churches and individuals during the year were  
The Receipts from the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary were.....  
Receipts from Legacies.....  
Receipts from income of funds.....

Total.....

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY CONFERENCE

	Contributed.	E
Aroostook Conference.....	\$ 73 90	
Cumberland Conference.....	1,552 56	
Cumberland North Conference.....	652 88	
Franklin Conference.....	193 87	
Hancock Conference.....	447 73	
Kennebec Conference....	508 71	
Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.....	948 73	
Oxford Conference.....	169 83	
Penobscot Conference.....	919 70	
Piscataquis Conference.....	150 44	
Somerset Conference.....	155 45	
Union Conference.....	176 88	
Waldo Conference....	364 47	
Washington Conference.....	277 93	
York Conference.....	682 02	
	<u>\$6,975 35</u>	
State Conference, and individuals out of the State	64 38	
	<u>\$7,039 73</u>	
Churches and individuals paid.....	\$5,791 53	
Woman's Auxiliary paid.....	1,212 14	
Add for expense of Auxiliary.....	35 80	
	<u>\$7,039 53</u>	

During the year, the churches and individuals of Maine have sent directly to the New York Treasury, \$1,948,10

We regret to report a falling off in the direct contributions from the churches, and the Woman's Auxiliary. We emphasized the necessity for care and system and persistence in this direction last year. It is fortunate that embarrassment has been averted by the liberal legacies received, a part of which could be used for this purpose. It should be a part of church training, as it is a duty and a privilege to keep up the benevolences of the times.

Since our last report an unusual amount has come into the Treasury from the estates of those who have done with all things earthly. The Lord put it into their hearts to remember their own State, and the Missionary Society of their chosen church. They have done well in this, and the Society gratefully accepts the trust, and promises faithfully to administer their gifts. May we not here suggest to the living and strong, that in their plans for the final disposal of the wealth which God has permitted them to gather, they consider well their obligations to the church of Christ? Perhaps what is given to the Lord may be all, over which they may have reason to rejoice when they reach the kingdom. This suggestion is not merely for the Maine Missionary Society, but for our schools as well, and especially for our Theological Seminary at Bangor in this her time of need.

### MISSIONARY BOXES.

This list is given by Mrs. Gould, President of the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

Bangor, Hammond Street,	1 box	valued.....	45 00
Bath, Central Street,	1 "	" .....	38 00
Lewiston, Pine Street,	1 "	" .....	20 00
Norridgewock,	1 "	" .....	10 00
Portland, State Street,	1 "	" .....	20 00
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" " "	1 "	" .....	61 00
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" " "	1 "	" .....	55 00
" " "	1 "	" .....	31 50
Rockland,	1 "	" .....	50 00
South Berwick,	1 "	" .....	50 00
Thomaston, Christmas Gifts,		.....	15 00

**\$517 10**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

June, 1884, balance on hand.....	..
Jan. 1885, received from Camden S. S.....	..
" " " " Gorham S. S.....	..

Distributed in papers, and books to Schools, as accounted for to the donors.....

To be used as needed soon.....

## ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

Under the direction of Rev. J. B. Hawes, during the summer new meeting house at North Anson was finished upon the outside the chapel-room of the wing was fitted for holding Sabbath school till the audience-room can be completed. They have been aided somewhat by friends from without, and it is their desire to finish and cate at no distant day. They have united with Madison, in calling Evans, of the late graduating class at Bangor, to supply the year.

The little church at North Belfast has done well the past year. Aikins, of Bangor, supplied there last summer. In the autumn meeting-house was thoroughly repaired, from the foundation spire, outside and inside, at a net cost of \$500. Rev. J. A. R. Belfast now supplies regularly each Sabbath afternoon.

Bingham and Solon are now supplied by Rev. T. F. Millett speaks of a good degree of interest at each place. The distance houses of worship from the villages is a hindrance to attendance. Bingham there seems to be a growing interest. Two deacons been elected, and strong desire is expressed to have definite rules, and perhaps a parish, and to move the house into the village. The report says, "We are looking forward to better days. In autumn we would like to have some evangelistic help."

A grand advance has been made at Cornish. Among other things the result goes to show the advantage of working well one field it can be done. Mr. Crowell is a worthy successor of pastor C. to whose labors he is entering.

Mr. Crowell writes: "In every respect it has been our most successful year. The benevolent contributions have increased slightly withstanding the increased demand for home expenditures.



people were surprised at the ease with which the additional \$200 for the salary was raised. I trust the time is not far distant when the Cornish church will be self supporting. I have held school-house meetings in three different neighborhoods during most of the year, and a good degree of interest has been maintained. In one of them a Sunday School has been begun. We have also a flourishing 'Society of Christian endeavor.' The average attendance at its meetings has been forty. Union gospel meetings conducted by Messrs. Allen and Jones were held last autumn, which resulted in quickening the churches, and bringing many souls to the Saviour. At the next communion we expect quite a large accession to the church membership. We have every reason to thank God and take courage."

At Deer Isle 2nd church, there was a remarkable revival in March, in connection with the labors of pastor Gates and general missionary Harlow, to which he will allude.

The Dexter church reduced its \$1,200 debt to about \$800, and it proposes to bring it down to about \$300 by next June. To keep the breath of life in the church, The Maine Missionary Society supplied about half the time from the Seminary. Though this has resulted well in this particular case, it would not work as a rule, to try to pay church debts without a pastor.

We cannot pass the very interesting developement at North Ellsworth, in connection with the labors of Mr. Towne, of Bangor Seminary, which has resulted in the formation of a church of twenty-seven members. The influence upon the entire community is most delightful, and promises to be lasting. One year ago there was only a single praying soul; so that the church is a creation. Thus the people feel. Now they express wonder that they could remain so long as they were, and not realize their condition. Mr. Towne undertook an afternoon service in this farming community, some four miles from his regular preaching place. He found an audience of eighty in a Grange Hall, and it soon increased to over a hundred. Before the summer was over a deep interest was manifest, and God's spirit seemed present in all the services. He continued to preach there from the Seminary, but was unable to do any pastoral work. Providentially a family of young Christian workers came, and labored there four weeks, and numbers were converted. The good work went on after they left till above thirty were converted, and many more were quickened. Mr. Towne says: "A most remarkable reformation has been accomplished, mak-

ing itself felt in every home of the community. Religious themes and subjects have been the great interest of all, and the main topics of conversation during the past winter. The last of December, Rev. M. Harlow came to help us, and contributed very much to the good work and assisted in organizing a church. The 1st Sunday in January is day long to be remembered in North Ellsworth."

We can testify to the interest of that day. It was a touching sight when eighteen men and women stood up to receive the ordinance of baptism, most of them from Rev. A. J. McGown, a native of the place and the near kin of many of the subjects, the last of whom was his own brother. Are there other neighborhoods as destitute as this one was? Yes! Are they as hopeful? Why not? Then why withhold from them the gospel of Christ which is, "the power of God unto Salvation?" "How can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent?" Here is our mission, brethren. Pray for consecrated laborers, then when you *find them*, send the forth to find the hidden jewels in the hitherto neglected fields.

Quite an interest was awakened at Harpswell during the time of the June Conference last year, and it resulted in several conversions and the securing of constant preaching. Rev. John Dinsmore writes of this field. "I have had a very pleasant year at Harpswell. The interest that commenced last summer, has continued through the autumn and winter, securing good attendance at church, and the Sunday School and the prayer-meetings. Our Sunday-school has doubled. We have a "Society of Christian endeavor," that meets every Saturday evening and is very hopeful to those who have started in the Christian life. We have not received as many to the church as we hoped; but some of our converts are quite young, and in need of longer training and nurture." Mr. Dinsmore supplies at North Harpswell also, and the people are becoming much interested in Sabbath worship and Sunday school.

Since Mr. Crowell left, Hiram has had no regular supply, excepting that of a student during summer. Under the lead of Mr. Hague and his church workers of South Bridgton, an interesting movement was made at Sebago, which resulted in a revival and the gathering of thirteen members to the Baldwin church. A strong desire has arisen for regular preaching, and a union has been arranged with Hiram which will give them services every Sabbath. Rev. E. P. Eastman has been engaged for the coming year. The result of this special effort

: Sebago, is another instance of hearing the gospel with gladness, when it is carried to the people in love and zeal.

We are sorry to report, that Houlton has been without supply for a larger part of the year. The desire has been for a pastor, and so there has been an unwillingness to receive a preacher without reference to continuance. Our judgment differed. It is better to keep the doors of the sanctuary open somehow. If now a minister could be found who would consent to go there with a view to some permanence, he would be well received, and there is prospect of success. In so important a community as this, good families of our own name are seeking homes; and the church should be in a condition to receive them, or they will soon seek the next best, and be lost to us. The clerk of the church writes: "There are eight or ten persons now, who will unite with us as soon as we can have a minister." And in referring to an expected candidate it is remarked: "We are praying that the hearts of the people may be opened by the spirit of God to receive him, and that he may be inclined to 'pity our low estate.'"

The Magalloway Mission was well worked by Mr. Lade, of Bangor Seminary. This is a scattered community upon the borders of New Hampshire, and this consecutive summer supply, is the larger part of the preaching received during the year. It has been thought best not to send a missionary the present season, and Dr. Allen, the Presiding Elder of the district, was early so informed. His candid and kind answer is worthy of note. He says: "Yours in relation to the Magalloway mission has been received. The few Christian families there can do but little for the support of the gospel. We have a small class of Methodists there. Our policy is to connect such scattered settlements into a large circuit, and of course we can give them but little preaching or pastoral work individually. We have therefore rejoiced in any help to supply religious services by other evangelical denominations, and our preachers have been advised not to go to the Magalloway while your missionaries were there. I visit the region every year, and have good reports from some of your men. I know not what we can do at our next Conference for this scattered flock in the wilderness. The field is large, and the laborers are few. The constant emigration of the country population has so weakened many of our once self-supporting circuits, that a greater demand is made on the funds of our 'Home Missionary Society' than we can meet." This whole problem of the scattered wilderness settlements, and how to send them the

preached gospel is one of the most difficult. They plead that without our help they can have no continuous supply, we are led to ask what if we seem to tread upon the ground of good may be accomplished.

Mechanic Falls, which is connected with the district, has shown signs of growth the past year reports twenty-one conversions and twenty-five baptisms, on the combined field. He has unfolded eighty in the three weekly prayer-Sunday-schools. The results speak for themselves.

Milford is worthy of special mention. It has been worked in connection with the Oxford district, opened at the first as a district Sunday-schooling station in connection with the Surrogate station with the week day prayer-meeting. It has gradually and surely, till a beautiful church and a vigorous little church has been built up. There are thirteen as the original members of the converts, who will soon come in to strengthen the church. Mr. Bailey, of Oldtown, who cared for the work, and Mr. Freeman who entered into his labor and a few good women of the village and whose zeal still continues. We put our trust that there is "more to follow."

We have good words from Monsor. He wrote thus: "I think I will not make any more converts here, till I find how it turns out. We are holding meetings, and are holding Union meetings. In May he reports thirty-four conversions and thirty additions to the church, sixteen conversions. Others are expected to join them soon. He is to be satisfied, but longs for greater things. The work is valuable and should be cultivated.

We can report favorably from Oxford. It is very bright for a few years. One of the churches is the church and the community, and sawmill of over 200 operatives, where we have a separate vestry, and the sympathy

us," possibilities for growth and strength. But where could the man be found to do the work for the small salary offered? An appeal was made to Mr. Emmons, and he was asked to visit them. The visit brought mutual agreement, and Mr. Emmons is now acting-pastor of the church, new life is infused, a new bell calls to worship, and a new organ leads in the singing, and we look forward to more cheering reports from the new year.

Presque Isle gives evidence of advance under the skillful leadership of Mr. Christie. Meetings are well attended, the Sunday-school is increased, and five have been added to the church. Funds sufficient for buying, or building a parsonage are nearly secured, and the minister will soon have a home where he can abide, "without any to molest or make him afraid."

No one can tell the difficulty of working a field in such a new region, unless he tries it for a time. The outward thrift of the community is no index of its spiritual condition. Nothing but *grace, faith, pluck, persistence, and push*, can succeed in any large degree. The good minister has to bury his pride, restrain his temper, forego his comfort, and say, *God willing I will!* Are there any such now ready for the "North county?" The field is ready!

Standish reports hopefully, all things considered. Late difficulties were not settled mutually as was advised by council, and as was desirable. And yet good work has been done, and the larger part of the people rally around their pastor and sustain him.

The Adams' Memorial church of Vassalboro, gives evidence of vigor and growth. Beginning with twenty-eight at its organization two years ago, it now numbers *forty-six* good working members; and they "have a mind to work." The Riverside church has been unfortunate in the burning of the church building; but in union with the memorial church, a minister is called, and they hope to build at once.

Thus we are encouraged, as the fields are surveyed, and our hearts are strengthened for the work of the coming year.

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### GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.

Mr. J. A. Thomas continued the work of the previous year in Oxford county. Directed by Rev. S. L. Bowler and others, he went forth with his bible, and gospel songs, and Sunday-school literature,

and visited from town to town, from neighborhood to neighborhood, from family to family. He rallied the eight Sunday-schools, which Hutchinson organized the previous year, and gathered nine of them on new ground. Besides this he stepped over the line, into Hampshire, and organized three Sunday-schools there, and gave a second life to a school that was on the point of expiration." He is on the average, upon thirty-five families per week, speaking, singing, and praying, and distributing tracts and papers to all so far as he could. He wrote in one note, "They have found out by this time that I am a pretty good singer, and they draw a little too much vocal organs these days."

In his final report, he says: "It is gratifying to learn that destitute people appreciate what is done for them by the Oxford Conference and the Missionary Society. It is also a pleasant surprise, and must be gratifying to every one who has an interest in this work, that these people are struck very favorably by the fact that Congregationalists send forth a missionary to labor in the place where there are none who belong to that denomination. They are compelled to believe that it is the salvation of souls which induces them to do this, and not the love of increasing their own denomination. They will be glad to learn that the school of Dixfield Centre has developed into a small church of six in membership, and has called a Baptist minister from another part of the town to preach to them."

"The back parts of the county represent many theological difficulties and may be called the paradise of heterodoxy; and it requires great care and skill in the missionary to paddle his own canoe before he can make headway against many cross currents. To make this tide of heresy and wickedness every nature retreat, you must still urge this work. You cannot expect to carry these people by storm. Ignorance, unbelief, and other malignant influences resist the work at every step in advance. Undaunted perseverance, and the greatest forbearance and pity, are necessary to save this people." Here we have one phase of the missionary work in our State.

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Report of general missionary work in Washington County  
E. L. Walbridge.

My report for the year past is as follows:

1st. As to amount of labor performed.

The number of preaching services, including special work, have been 188. These services have been held in ten towns, to accomplish which it has been necessary to travel 1800 miles.

No record has been made of the families visited, but I have designed to reach as many as possible.

The Sabbath-school work also has received my attention and the progress in this direction has been marked.

2nd. As to the different fields.

Marshfield, Machiasport, and Jonesport have been blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As God has granted wisdom, I have tried to search carefully into the evidences of regeneration, before bringing the converts into church connection. The churches of the county are inclined to be very cautious in receiving new members, arising no doubt from some sad experiences in years past, when many were brought hastily into the churches, but did not bring forth fruit in their after life. Already twelve have been received by the Marshfield church, and it is expected that more than twenty others will be received soon.

The Lord has abundantly blessed this field. There will be additions soon to the Machiasport church. This field should be united with Marshfield, and have a pastor.

Jonesport church, which was blessed with eighteen additions last year, has received new encouragement as a reward for faithful service. I think fifteen or more will be added in due time. A parsonage has been built the past year, and it is nearly completed, at a cost of about \$2,000.

I visited Whiting with the intention of holding special services, but failing health obliged me to defer the work. Here is an earnest little church in this place, and while there, I was reminded of the faithful women who helped Paul. Such a church as this cannot hope to have a settled pastor, as there is no other near enough for a union of effort. So they must depend upon missionary service. A student is with them for the summer.

Cherryfield and Stuben are still without a shephard. The new chapel at Cherryfield is completed and ready for dedication.

A number of the churches in the county have not been visited. In conducting the work, permanency has been sought, and so my labors have been confined to a smaller number of fields than would otherwise be best. Of course we have to contend with some obstacles. There is a Mormon church at Jonesport, and they have a missionary in the

field. As this is a growing place, and our body has been so blessed has been thought best for me to pay special attention to this field.

I think Rev. Joseph Cook says, Mormonism is as dangerous with polygamy as with it. Those at Jonesport are not polygamists, or wise I think they are the same.

There is a sad lack of Sabbath observance in many of these settlements, due in some measure, I think, to the fact that summer tourists who flock hither, have very little regard for the day. Even professors of religion seem to think that they are released from keeping holy the Lord's day while on the coast of Maine. Would that pastors of churches might appeal to their people when about to go upon vacations, to keep the Sabbath day holy.

But the field is not without encouragements. Christians here ready to help earnest workers. And God's Spirit is always present to convince of sin, and to cheer the workers.

I have planned to make a thorough canvass of each field, as far as possible by personal visitation, paying special attention to the sick and aged, preaching in the outskirts of villages, and distributing such religious matter as I could obtain. In this way hearts have been led to embrace the Saviour.

This work should be continued for the present. These places are growing in importance, and I believe many of them will soon be supplied with support pastors.

The Maine Missionary Society is doing a work for Washington County that cannot be easily reported. Personal experiences which I cannot put into a report, reveal to me the fact that all those churches and individuals who contribute to the work of the Society, are laying up treasures in heaven, and will, by and by, reap a glorious harvest in this world a hundred fold, in the next life everlasting.

#### Report of General Missionary Rev. E. A. Harlow.

I entered upon this work the second week in September, 1884, the time embraced in this report is nine months less one week. Houlton was my first field where I spent eight Sabbaths. The attendance upon all the services was small and the results of my work not apparent, though there was a slight improvement during my stay. I B., seven miles from Houlton village, is an out station. Here I held some evening meetings which were very well attended.



From Houlton I went to the assistance of Prof. Wiswall, at Windham. Meetings were held afternoon and evening for about two weeks with some degree of interest and a few conversions. From here I went to Hiram and Sebago. My special work here was to prepare these two churches to unite together in the support of a pastor. I remained in this double field five weeks, preaching the most of the evenings in different school houses, in Sebago. All the meetings were well attended, and the work in both fields was very hopeful, could there have been a pastor to have continued the work.

From this point I hastened to North Ellsworth to assist Mr. S. D. Towne, a student at Bangor, in gathering the fruits of a recent revival, by the organization of a church. Nightly meetings and personal conferences from house to house by day, filled out two busy weeks, and were blessed to the auspicious organization of a Union church of twenty-even members.

My next work was at Madison and North Anson, a double field. I went with the expectation of conducting special meetings; but my coming was delayed two weeks by the work at North Ellsworth, and in the meantime the Methodist people had engaged an evangelist to begin meetings soon after my arrival. Union meetings were arranged to be led by this evangelist. Some interest was awakened and a few were converted. My stay here was for four weeks.

I next spent about two weeks with the churches at Riverside and Vassalboro. From this place I went to the assistance of Rev. T. P. Williams, pastor of the churches at Winslow and Benton Falls. Evening meetings were held at the latter place for two weeks. There was fair attendance and very good attention to the word; but not the results we desired in the conversion of souls.

The month of March, I spent in Deer Isle, assisting Rev. C. H. Gates in a series of meetings of remarkable power. There were from fifty to sixty hopeful conversions. The work was characterized by quiet earnestness, prompt decision and complete consecration. Meetings were held in three distinct congregations in different parts of the island and at each place there was the same peculiar manifestation of the Spirit's power.

I was next called to assist Rev. H. A. Freeman in revival meetings and in the organization of a church at Milford. Evening meetings were held for two weeks with the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. There

were several hopeful conversions. A excellent material with a good prospect.

Next I went back to Riverside and V weeks here, I spent one week with the I receiving eleven members into the chu part of the fruits of a quiet work of gra tute of pastoral supervision. Then I am still laboring.

I have labored in twenty-two differe that they are comprised in eleven field: of less than three weeks. My longest s the shortest, less than a day at Sanfor service, I have preached 200 times. O ings I have not kept a full record. D about two thousand five hundred miles,

In this rapid passing from community separated, certain facts have been growi my mind, and more imperative to my h forth here even one of the facts adequat to pass without a brief glance at some

One of these facts is the moral and State.

I am convinced that there are many is never preached. There are certain districts where the children never listen I have myself preached in a little villa except at a funeral for upwards of sever gone, there have been neglected neighb tute of gospel privileges as the heathen crated to God by the prayer of the fi gloom of practical heathenism through The country churches are many of the outskirts of their parishes have already

2. Another fact is that these peop gospel. Whenever I have preached in hoods, there has been good attendance : be said indeed of the people in almost e may be said with emphasis of the negle there is a wide spread readiness to list

and his love, a readiness which is very unusual. And according to my observation the simpler the story the more effective it will be, if there be real earnestness in the telling.

3. Another fact that has been growing upon me is that there is need of spending little time with the law, but the people are ready for the gospel. Depravity, the state of being lost, and the need of a present Saviour may be assumed is conceded by almost all, everywhere. There is an unrest, a dissatisfaction with the present state and a yearning for something better, pervading all our communities to such a degree that the preaching may be almost exclusively positive, inviting, and assuring. According to my observation, very few are self-righteous and pharisaical, and that few are more generally found in upholstered pews every Sunday, and too often sit at the table of our Lord. In the neglected neighborhoods, you may safely assume that the people are lost, while you tell the winning, heart-breaking story of God's love in Christ.

4. Another fact is the quick attainment of a Christian hope. This has been characteristic of the work in all parts of the State. Men manifest an interest and almost immediately receive assurance of forgiveness. In one place a rough, profane man who had not been seen at church for years was present one evening and rose for prayers at the close. The next evening he was detained away by his business; but the second evening he was there and happy in believing. One man upwards of fifty years of age manifested a personal interest Thursday evening for the first time, and the following Wednesday the new church was organized by a council and he was one of the deacons. Christ did not need to touch his eyes the second time, but he came at once into the fullness of the life and was ready for every duty. One man at the close of a meeting rose and said he desired our prayers, but his manner and expressions were so cool and peculiar that I almost felt that he was making game of religion. On the afternoon of the next day, while chopping wood, he had such a view of his folly and sin in neglecting God's word, and such a view of God's long-suffering love to him, that his heart was broken and the strong man was melted to tears. That evening he confessed that the great work was done, and he was the Lord's and the Lord was his. In another part of the State a young woman at the close of Tuesday evening confessed to me that she had not trusted in the Lord Jesus. Wednesday evening she said that her sins were forgiven. The next Friday evening she presented herself for

membership in the church, and her experience was so completely satisfactory that she was received without hesitation. Thus, usually, in all parts of the State, inquirers have taken God at his word, and have obtained assurance of acceptance almost immediately. They have found hope also almost always alone with God. They have been directed and committed to God and have heard but very little human persuasion and have been directed away from human help. And thus they have found God's help, and that very quickly.

5. Another fact has become oppressive to my mind and heart. The laborers are few. In many of the fields where I have labored my work has been to a large extent as water poured out, because there was no one to follow me. Houlton, Windham, Hiram and Sebago, Madison and North Anson, Vassalboro and Riverside, Oldtown and Milford, have suffered for lack of pastoral supervision. In some cases I have left fields where my longer stay seemed necessary to them, compelled to go to those that seemed to have still more urgent need. At Madison, my work would have been far more effective, apparently, could I have been there at the time planned, instead of turning aside to answer a greater call. At Deer Isle we were urged to go over to Little Deer Isle, where there is a considerable population and no preaching; were intreated to hold meetings there by young men who came over in boats and had become seekers. I held one meeting at the south end of the island. The school-house was filled on a very dark and sloppy evening, with threatening rain, and two leading ladies rose for prayer. The Spirit's presence was manifest, but I could not stay. Coming up through Brooksville and North Brooksville, two villages, the stage driver, whose family resides at Brooksville, urged me to come back and hold meetings there, since they had no preaching. Neither he nor his wife were pious, but he assured me they would take good care of me if I would come.

Could I have remained, there is good reason to think that the wonderful work which was witnessed in the northern part of Deer Isle would have been continued in the southern part, in Little Deer, in Brooksville, and in North Sedgwick. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers few. There is a reason to believe that the fields are very white to the harvest. There is a quickening and an expectation, a dissatisfaction, a yearning in the unconverted all through this State. The divine leaven is penetrating the whole mass of our people. The divine fire is smoldering in all these desolate, neglected neighborhoods, and

needs only a little human breath to burst into flames. God has blessed us wonderfully here and there during the past year, but if we are true to our opportunity the time for sporadic revivals is in the past, and the time has come when the holy flame, kindling at once in a hundred centers, shall sweep up our beautiful valleys and over our breezy hill-tops until no little hamlet shall be so secluded as not to share the blessing. And if in the autumn coming we could send out seventy men, marching two by two through the school-districts, carrying neither silver nor gold nor copper in their purses, but conducting meetings according to our methods, telling heartily but simply the "old, old story," and depending upon it, surely faith and zeal would be honored with results beyond the most sanguine hope.

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Thus in simple form, we have brought before you something of the results of the year just past. We think you will admit that much has been accomplished. But there is very much yet to be done. The cry of destitution and the plea for missionary assistance come from all directions. Oxford county asks for the continuance of the work among the people of its sparsely settled towns, and Mr York, of Wilton, has been engaged, and is now in the field.

Washington County insists upon having one general missionary at least.

Last week. Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference appointed a committee "to consider the advisability of securing some one to preach in the vacant churches, and act as a county missionary." The chairman has acted promptly, and has inquired for a suitable man.

At the Union Conference in Lovell, this same burden fell upon those present, and the chairman of an appointed committee writes, "There is a feeling and determination that something must be done to arrest the decline in our Conference. Without an opposing voice, and with nothing but hearty expressions of favor, a committee was appointed to plan and arrange for evangelical work in our churches during the coming year. This committee has power to go ahead and do all the business.

Two hundred dollars were pledged immediately, and \$300 at least will be secured. We are notified that all this calls for increased aid from the Missionary Society. The case is desperate and demands vigorous instrumentalities. In a word, there is such urgency for this kind of work

in all parts of the State, we cannot turn a deaf ear, and must consider these requests. Facts may be brought out upon the floor, which will assure you that the general demand is imperative. If we mistake not the signs of the times, God is rolling this heavy weight of responsibility, and ardent desire, and earnest supplication upon these churches and ministers to prepare them for the abundant enlargement so evidently fore-shadowed. Blessed are those who shall have a part in the reaping time.

With this expression of hope and expectation we close the review of the past year. Let us gather courage to start upon the new year, and pledge ourselves to labor with all fidelity for the promotion of the Home Missionary work within our borders, and the Missionary work every where. May God cause His face to shine upon His servants and give them many souls for their reward.

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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The following is a list of those who have been constituted Life members of the Society since June, 1884, by the payment of twenty dollars. It is hoped that a corrected list may be presented next year as to indicate the living membership.

### ACTON

. Jos. D. Sanborn.

### AUGUSTA.

. Arthur F. Skeele.

### BAR HARBOR.

. A. J. McGown.

### BATH.

. Omar W. Folsom.

. Omar W. Folsom.

. Hortense Fogg.

. Lydia E. Hapgood.

### BIDDEFORD.

. Lewis Marr.

### BLANCHARD.

. Sarah B. Packard.

### BOOTHBAY.

. C. E. Kendrick.

### BREWER.

Mrs. Frances S. Holyoke.

### HALLOWELL.

Mrs. Sarah F. Chase.

### MACHIAS.

Mrs. Sara F. Pierce.

Mrs. M. Lizzie Thaxter.

Mr. Amos L. Heaton.

### SOUTH BERWICK.

Miss Josie F. Drew.

Miss Susie Oakes.

Miss Hattie E. Whitehead.

Miss Jennie Nealley.

Miss Annie Barker.

### WEST TRENTON.

Mrs. Almeria V. Thompson.

*JOHN L. CROSBY*

DR.

1885.

June 11.—For disbursements for year ending

Paid Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary

Same for travelling expenses

John L. Crosby, Treasurer, 1

Same for postage, legal expenses

Special contribution received

Sums invested as follows:

Bond of City of Bath.....

4 Shares 1st Nat'l Bank, Le

Bond, Androscoggin &amp; K. R.

Exchanging \$700 Bonds of

Rochester R. R. for stock, 4

Deposit in Hallowell Savings

5 shares Atchison, Topeka &amp;

9 shares Union Pacific R. R..

City of Bangor, Treasurer's

O. F. Knowles &amp; Co., printing

John H. Bacon, printing bla

Annuity to Church at Jacks

" " " at Alban

Six months int. on fund held

Annuity to Mrs. N. S. Bour

To Missionaries .....

Balance deposited in Second

Respectfully submitted,

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## REPORT.

## OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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1884—By balance on hand as per account rendered June 13,

1884..... \$ 432 97

Receipts for year ending this date, viz:

Contributions from churches and individuals..... 5,791 54

Received from Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.... 1,212 14

Income on investments..... 3,083 15

Legacies..... 17,718 01

Bond of City of Rockland paid..... 500 00

C. H. Bean's notes paid..... 600 00

Rev. J. E. Adams, amount received for preaching..... 10 00

Special contribution to Milford chapel..... 10 00

Additional trust fund from Albany church..... 300 00

Drawn from Bangor Savings Bank..... 1,500 00

" " Penobscot " " ..... 1,500 00

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\$32,057 81

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Bangor, June 12, 1885.

Having examined the foregoing account of John L. Crosby, Treasurer, from June 13, 1884, to this date, we find it correctly stated and properly vouched.

W. S. DENNETT, }  
B. B. THATCHER, } AUDITORS.

*The following list comprises the Securities held by the Maine Missionary Society, June 12, 1885.*

**BONDS.**

City of Bath.....	\$3,000 00
Portland.....	1,000 00
Bangor.....	5,000 00
Belfast (in trust).....	5,000 00
St. Louis.....	1,000 00
Portland and Ogdensburg R. R. Co.,.....	2,000 00
Androscoggin and Kennebec R. R. Co.,.....	1,400 00

**RAILROAD STOCKS.**

Portland, Saco and Portsmouth R. R. 4 shares.....	400 00
Boston and Maine R. R. 11 " .....	1,100 00
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R.R. 5 " .....	500 00
Union Pacific R. R. 9 " .....	900 00
Portland and Rochester R. R. 4 " .....	400 00

**NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.**

Casco	Portland	84 shares.....	3,400 00
Canal	"	52 " .....	5,200 00
First	"	20 " .....	2,000 00
Traders	"	20 " .....	2,000 00
Cumberland	"	27 " .....	1,080 00
Merchants	Boston	10 " .....	1,000 00
State	"	6 " .....	600 00
Medomak	Waldoboro,	2 " .....	200 00
Ocean	Kennebunk,	2 " .....	200 00
First	Skowhegan,	1 " .....	100 00
Manufacturers'	Lewiston	2 " .....	200 00
First	"	4 " .....	400 00

Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co., (in liquidation).	700 00
Norridgewock Falls Bridge Co., 4 Shares.....	100 00
Pepperell Mills (held by a trustee) 1 " .....	1,000 00
D. W. Clark & Co., Portland, secured notes..	4,000 00
City of Bangor, Treasurer's note.....	10,000 00

Deposit at Bangor Savings Bank.....	1,000 00
" " Hallowell " " .....	2,050 00

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\$56,8

**RECAPITULATION.**

Municipal Bonds.....	\$15,000 00
Railroad " .....	3,400 00
" Stocks.....	3,300 00
National Bank Stocks.....	16,380 00
Manufacturing Stocks.....	1,700 00
Bridge " .....	100 00
Notes secured by Mortgage, .....	4,000 00

City Note.....	10,000 00
Deposits in Savings Banks.....	3,050 00
	<hr/> \$56,930 00

BANGOR, June 12, 1885.

We have examined the securities presented for inspection as the property of the Maine Missionary Society, by John L. Crosby, Treasurer, and find them as described on this page.

W. S. DENNETT, }  
B. B. THATCHER, } AUDITORS.

*In these investments, are included amounts held in trust by the Society, as follows:*

"N. Kittredge Fund" for the Church in Somesville, Mt. Desert, invested in Belfast Bonds .....	\$5,000 00
For Church in Albany, Me.,.....	800 00
" " " Jackson, Me.,.....	500 00
"The Sewall Fund" invested in Bank and Railroad Stocks, and Municipal bonds, for benefit of Mrs. N.S. Bourne, of Winthrop.	2,800 00

In all.....	\$9,100 00
Leaving as the sum from which income is available for the use of the Society. ....	\$47,830 00

The Stock in the Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co., is of small value, the Company being in process of liquidation, and having already made dividends from a large portion of its assets.

The bonds of the Portland and Rochester R. R. Co., referred to in a former report, as in default on its interest, have been converted into Stock in the same road, at the rate of \$200 of bonds for one share of stock on which a small dividend has been paid.

The Coupon on \$2,000 first mortgage bonds of the Portland and Ogdensburg R. R. Co., have not been paid for a year past. It is, however, understood that arrangements are completed for their speedy redemption. All the foregoing securities are listed at their par value, but could be sold at an advance of several thousand dollars. The securities added during the past year were mostly received in a adjustment of legacies and paid to the Treasurer at their market value.

The net income derived from invested funds, for the year now closed, exclusive of interest paid on the trust funds held by the Society, is about \$2,500.00, a sum exceeding the total cost of salaries to officers and all other expenses of administration.

With regard to the present and prospective financial condition of the Society, it may be said that during the four years, including that just closed, nearly \$3,000.00 has been received from legacies, one-half of this amount during the past year. During this term, the average expenditures

# RECEIPTS OF MAINE: MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

From June 13, 1884, to June 12, 1885.

## Contributions from Churches and Individuals.

Acton.....	\$31 05	Dennysville.....	20 14
Albany.....	10 00	Dexter.....	10 50
Alfred.....	120 00	Dover and Foxcroft.....	18 00
Andover.....	7 00	East Bangor.....	5 00
Aroostook Conference.....	10 00	Eastport.....	8 52
Auburn, High St. Church..	50 00	East Sumner.....	0 00
Augusta, South Church..	242 70	Eliot.....	10 00
Bangor, First Church...	93 47	Ellsworth.....	49 85
Hammond St. Church..	7 00	Falmouth.....	20 31
Central Church.....	177 40	Farmington.....	126 30
Central District S. S....	20 00	Farmington Falls.....	9 00
Bar Harbor.....	20 00	Freedom.....	5 00
Bath, Winter St. Church..	470 30	Freeport.....	18 50
Central Church.....	147 50	Fryeburg.....	75
Belfast, First Church.....	163 04	Gardiner.....	48 11
Benton.....	9 52	Garland.....	13 00
Bethel, First Church....	17 58	Gilead.....	16 50
Second Church.....	10 00	Gorham.....	114 52
Biddeford Pavilion Ch....	16 00	Gray.....	21 00
Second Church.....	50 00	Hallowell.....	25 00
Bingham Church.....	5 00	Hampden.....	3 70
Blanchard S.S.....	11 75	Hancock Conference.....	10 00
Bluehill.....	15 00	Harpwell.....	23 00
Boothbay, Second.....	20 00	Harrison.....	5 00
Boston, Mass.....	25 60	Island Falls.....	5 00
Brewer, First Church.....	51 00	Jackson.....	6 00
Bridgton.....	10 30	Jonesport.....	23 00
Brooksville.....	10 00	Kennebunkport, North Ch	5 00
Brownfield.....	15 00	"    South ".....	6 00
Brunswick, First Church..	114 67	Kennebunk, Union Church	17 98
Bucksport, Elm St. " ....	188 88	Kittery.....	10 00
Buxton, North Church....	12 00	Lebanon.....	7 00
Calais, First " ....	52 00	Lewiston, Pine St. Church	44 41
Camden.....	17 30	Limerick.....	20 00
Castine.....	10 00	Limington.....	20 32
Cherryfield.....	5 00	Lisbon Falls.....	5 00
Cornish.....	13 00	Litchfield Corner .....	20 00
Cumberland Center.....	23 00	Lyman.....	7 30
Cumberland Mills.....	68 02	Machias.....	22 08
Dedham.....	15 00	Madison.....	25 00
Deer Isle.....	14 00	Marshfield.....	4 50

## The Legacies are as follows:

Waterville, Miss Hannah Cook.....	\$50 00
Hallowell, Mrs. Margaret Fifield (add'l).....	169 65
Portland, Mrs. James Crie.....	200 00
Lebanon, Center, Mrs. Olive A. Moody.....	61 33
Castine, Mrs. Lucy S. Adams.....	600 00
Portland, Mr. William Robison.....	959 36
New Gloucester, Mrs. Sarah Bradbury.....	200 00
Richmond, Mrs. Lydia T. Nason (part).....	3,371 67
Wells, Mrs. L. H. Maxwell (annual).....	6 00
Gardiner, Mrs. Sarah Agry.....	100 00
Boston, Mass., Hollis Moore, Esq.,.....	2,000 00
Malden, Mass., Mrs. Valeria G. Stone.....	10,000 00
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	\$17,718 01

## Memorandum of Income 1884-5.

## Coupons on Bonds:

City of Portland.....	\$60 00
“ Bath.....	165 00
“ Bangor.....	300 00
“ Rockland.....	17 50
“ Belfast.....	300 00
“ St. Louis.....	60 00
A. & K. R. R. Co.,.....	84 00

## Dividends on Stocks:

Canal National Bank.....	520 00
Traders “.....	160 00
First Portland “.....	200 00
Casco “.....	340 00
Cumberland “.....	86 40
Merchants’ “ Boston.....	90 00
State “ “.....	45 00
First, Skowhegan “.....	8 00
“ Lewiston “.....	18 00
Manuf’rs National Bank.....	\$14 00
Ocean, Kennebunk.....	12 00
Medomak, Waldoboro.....	16 00
Bangor Savings Bank.....	61 50
Penobscot “ “.....	50 75
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth R. R.....	24 00
Boston and Maine “.....	88 00
Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe “.....	15 00
Portland and Rochester “.....	8 00
Pepperell M’fg Co.,.....	59 00
Interest received on Loans.....	281 00

Total.....\$3,083 15

# ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

## AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Caribou.....	\$0 00	Presque Isle.....
Carroll and Springfield.....	0 00	Sherman.....
Fort Fairfield.....	0 00	Golden Ridge.....
Houlton.....	0 00	Letter B.....
Island Falls.....	12 00	Conference.....
Lee.....	0 00	
Passadumkeag.....	0 00	
Patten.....	12 15	

## CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Baldwin.....	\$0 00	Williston.....
Cape Elizabeth, First.....	24 75	St. Lawrence St.....
Cape Elizabeth, Ligonis.....	5 00	West.....
Cumberland Mills.....	63 02	Fourth.....
Deering, First.....	0 00	Bethel.....
“ Woodfords.....	48 00	Plymouth.....
Falmouth, First.....	20 31	Saccarappa, Second.....
Falmouth, Second.....	0 00	Scarboro.....
Gorham.....	114 52	Standish.....
Portland, Second.....	141 08	Windham.....
High St.....	300 00	
State St.....	555 00	

## CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Auburn, High St.....	\$50 00	Mechanic, Falls.....
Auburn, Sixth St.....	10 00	Minot Centre.....
Auburn, West.....	0 00	Minot West.....
Brunswick.....	146 43	New Gloucester.....
Cumberland.....	38 00	North Yarmouth.....
Durham.....	0 00	Poland.....
Freeport.....	41 70	Pownal.....
Freeport, South.....	20 50	Turner.....
Gray.....	22 00	Yarmouth.....
Harpawell.....	23 00	
Lewiston.....	44 41	

## FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington.....	\$126 30	Strong.....
“ Falls.....	9 00	Temple.....
Industry.....	0 00	Weld.....
New Sharon.....	0 00	Wilton.....
New Vineyard.....	0 00	
Phillips.....	9 00	

## HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

First and Aurora.....	\$0 00	Isle au Haut.....	0 00
Harbor.....	20 00	Orland.....	84 00
Hill.....	15 00	Sedgwick and Brooksville .	10 00
Sport.....	188 88	Sedgwick.....	0 00
tsville, West.....	11 00	Somesville.....	4 00
ne.....	10 00	Tremont.....	16 00
Isle, First.....	14 00	Trenton, West.....	10 00
" Second.....	0 00	Conference.....	10 00
North.....	49 85		
th.....	5 00		<hr/> \$447 73

## KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

sta.....	\$242 70	Richmond.....	20 00
on.....	16 52	Sidney.....	0 00
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ner.....	48 11	Riverside.....	0 00
th.....	11 00	Waterville ..	37 95
well.....	46 00	Winslow.....	11 83
field.....	20 00	Winthrop.....	30 00
nouth.....	13 00		<hr/>
on.....	0 00		\$508 71

## LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

.....	\$0 00	Rockland.....	33 19
Winter St.....	510 30	Thomaston.....	10 00
tral.....	190 50	Topsham.....	5 00
ibay, First.....	0 00	Union.....	16 00
ond.....	20 00	Waldoboro, First.....	36 96
en.....	0 00	" Second.....	0 00
ol.....	0 00	Warren.....	21 75
comb.....	43 13	Wiscasset.....	13 00
n.....	5 00	Woolwich.....	13 15
Castle, First.....	0 00		<hr/>
ond.....	167 25		\$948 73
sburg.....	14 50		

## OXFORD CONFERENCE.

ver.....	\$18 00	Oxford.....	7 00
al, First.....	32 58	Rumford.....	7 00
ond.....	15 00	South, Paris.....	45 00
d.....	16 50	Sumner.....	6 60
ay, First.....	0 00	Upton.....	0 00
ond.....	22 20		<hr/>
			\$169 88

## PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

or, First.....	\$106 72	Holden.....	0 00
mmond. St.....	49 46	Kenduskeag .....	0 00
ird.....	282 00	Lincoln.....	0 00
st.....	5 00	Milford.....	3 55
tral District.....	20 00	Oldtown.....	14 70
er, First.....	82 00	Orono.....	8 72
lage.....	10 85	Orrington, East.....	0 00
ngton.....	6 00	Stillwater.....	0 00
am.....	15 00	Veazie.....	0 00
ont and Plymouth....	0 00		<hr/>
pden.....	15 70		\$619 70

## PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Abbot.....	\$0 00	Garland.....	34 00
Atkinson.....	0 00	Greenville.....	6 35
Blanchard.....	11 75	Monson.....	7 84
Brownville.....	8 00	Sangerville.....	0 00
Dexter.....	10 50	Orneville.....	7 00
Foxcroft and Dover.....	65 00		
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			\$150 44

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Anson, North.....	\$3 00	North New Portland.....	4 00
South.....	6 00	Norridgewock.....	51 10
Athens.....	0 00	Skowhegan.....	44 00
Bingham.....	5 00	Solon.....	12 00
Madison.....	25 00	South.....	0 00
East.....	0 00	St. Albans.....	4 75
Mercer.....	0 00		
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			\$155 45

## UNION CONFERENCE.

Albany.....	\$13 00	Lovell.....	0 00
Bridgton.....	18 80	Naples.....	10 00
North.....	18 00	Otisfield.....	0 00
South.....	24 11	Stow and Chatham.....	0 00
Brownfield.....	15 00	Sweden.....	9 72
Casco.....	0 00	Waterford.....	7 50
Denmark.....	6 00	North.....	6 75
Fryeburg.....	75	Conference.....	32 00
Harrison.....	11 25		
Hiram.....	4 00		
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			\$176 88

## WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast, First.....	\$163 04	Sandypoint.....	10 00
North.....	0 00	Searsport, First.....	103 90
Camden.....	30 30	Second.....	30 43
Frankfort.....	0 00	Winterport.....	4 10
Freedom.....	5 00	Conference.....	11 70
Jackson.....	6 00		
Rockport.....	0 00		
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			\$394 47

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais.....	\$66 00	Northfield.....	0 00
Cherryfield.....	5 00	Pembroke.....	13 14
Cooper.....	0 00	Perry.....	0 00
Dennysville.....	20 14	Princeton.....	0 00
Eastport.....	19 07	Robbinston.....	0 00
Jonesboro.....	0 00	Topsfield.....	0 00
Jonesport.....	23 00	Whiting.....	0 00
Machias.....	77 08	Whitneyville.....	0 00
East.....	0 00	Conference.....	13 50
Machiasport.....	0 00		
Marshfield.....	4 50		
Milltown, N. B.....	36 50		
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			\$277 93



YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton.....	\$31 05	Lyman.....	7 36
Alfred.....	133 00	Newfield, West.....	26 06
Biddeford, First.....	0 00	Parsonsfield.....	0 00
Second.....	70 00	Saco.....	32 48
Pavilion.....	16 00	Sanford.....	6 00
Buxton, North.....	12 00	South.....	0 00
South.....	0 00	Shapleigh.....	0 00
Cornish.....	25 50	South Berwick.....	108 68
Eliot.....	16 00	Wells, First.....	53 64
Kennebunk, Union.....	17 93	Second.....	0 00
Kennebunkport, North.....	5 00	York, First.....	43 50
South.....	6 00	Second.....	0 00
Kittery.....	10 00	Conference.....	14 50
Lebanon.....	7 00		
Limerick.....	20 00		
Limington.....	20 32		
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			\$682 02

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collection General Conference.....	\$37 38
Unknown source, Boston, Mass.....	25 00
Mrs. S. W. Wheeler " ".....	1 00
Mrs. Harvey M. Stone, Greenfield, Mass.....	1 00
Rev. H. T. Cheever, D.D., Worcester " Donation to Milford church	10 00
Late Rev. Jotham Sewall, Bangor.....	2 40
Secretary, Preaching.....	10 00
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	\$86 70

The churches are credited for the amounts sent to the Treasurer as per his table of receipts, and to the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary. What has been received since the closing of accounts early in June, goes to the credit of next year.

Receipts for Seventy-eight Years.

The whole amount of money coming into the treasury of this Society during the last seventy-eight years has been \$686,307,41.

First ten years	\$8,415 32	Annual average,	\$841 53
Second " "	21,746 79	" "	2,174 68
Third " "	56,088 13	" "	5,608 81
Fourth " "	70,735 06	" "	7,073 60
Fifth " "	120,612 36	" "	12,061 23
Sixth " "	118,548 60	" "	11,854 60
Seventh " "	151,913 50	" "	15,191 35
Eight years	138,247 65	" "	17,280 95

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